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**Emerging Churches: Beyond The Forgotten Ways**

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Alan is the director of Forge Australia. Known for his innovative approach to missions, Alan is a teacher and key mission strategist for churches across the western world. His book *The Shaping of Things to Come* is widely considered to be a seminal text on missions. Alan's latest book, *The Forgotten Ways*, has quickly become a key reference for missional thinking, particularly as it relates to movements. His experience in leadership includes leading a local church movement among the marginalized as well as heading up the mission and revitalization work of his denomination. Alan is an adjunct professor at Fuller Seminary and lectures frequently throughout Australia, Europe, and the U.S. He is the co-founder of [www.shapevine.com](http://www.shapevine.com), a forum for engaging with world-transforming ideas.

## Session Description

Missions? Mission? Missional? All three words have been touted as the “key” to the future of the church. Are these just semantic distinctions with no difference, or is the move to be missional really a move to recapture the true purpose of the church? In this breakout, participants will be exposed to the key elements that make for truly great exponential movements in history. Alan Hirsch calls these elements “Missional DNA.” Application of this approach to the local church brings us closer to the power dynamics of missional movements and therefore closer to genuine transformation of our world for Jesus. Drill down into what it will mean to apply this approach in the local setting.

## Recommended Resources

*The Forgotten Ways* by Alan Hirsch

*The Shaping of Things to Come* by Alan Hirsch