**Adaptive Leadership**

Lesslie Newbigin, one of the foremost missiologists of the 20th century, retired from missionary service in India and returned home to England in the 1970s. What he found in his beloved homeland was a more challenging mission field than he left behind. He wrote this:

**“England is a pagan society and the development of a truly missionary encounter with this very tough form of paganism is the greatest intellectual and practical task facing the church”** (*Unfinished Agenda*, 1993:236)

Newbigin foresaw that the West was quickly becoming a mission field and the church needed to develop a truly missionary encounter with their friends and neighbors. In other words, if western societies have become post-Christian mission fields…

**…how do we lead a congregation to be faithful to the mission that God has put before us when the world has changed so radically?**

**…what kind of leadership does it demand of those of us who have been called to lead God’s people at this time and in this place?**

**Workshop Dates and Locations**

topic workshop date location presenter

+ adaptive leadership – part one[[1]](#footnote-1) December 8, 2018 Good Shepherd, Old Bridge Tony Steinbronn

+ adaptive leadership – part two January 12, 2019 Good Shepherd, Old Bridge Tony Steinbronn

+ adaptive leadership – part three February 16, 2019 Good Shepherd, Old Bridge Tony Steinbronn

+ adaptive leadership – part four June 15, 2019 Good Shepherd, Old Bridge Tony Steinbronn

+ adaptive leadership – part five August 3, 2019 Good Shepherd, Old Bridge Tony Steinbronn

+ *Teaching Fish to Walk[[2]](#footnote-2)* September 21, 2019 “yet to be determined” Peter Steinke

1. workshop developed from the book “*Canoeing the Mountains: Christian Leadership in Uncharted Territory*” by Tod Bolsinger [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. workshop based on the book “*Teaching Fish to Walk: Church Systems and Adaptive Challenge*” by Peter Steinke; Peter Steinke will be the workshop presenter on September 21, 2019. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)