



Coaching Leaders for Ministry Multiplication

NCD Coaching Hint: Color Your World

Dear Jeannette,

I've read the original book on Natural Church Development and several of the other NCD books available. Should I invest in Color Your World with Natural Church Development and take the time to read it? What would I be gaining?

Signed,
Still Learning

Dear Still Learning,

One of the things I appreciate about NCD is that it is a learning organization. We are continuing to learn about the various aspects of NCD and how they are organically woven together, therefore the need for a new book.

The original NCD book, which I affectionately refer to as “The White Book”, was very good in that it laid out the basic principles of NCD in a somewhat scientific way. Many people have remarked that they felt like they were looking at a high school biology book. For people like me with a science background, that’s great.

However, most people learn better through story and example than they do by stated principles. In addition, much learning has happened in the intervening years between when the books were written – learning both by Christian Schwarz and learning by the NCD world wide community. *Color Your World* embraces all of this and brings you up to speed on the NCD journey. Here are a few of the fresh pieces you’ll notice.

First, just by looking at the title you can tell a difference. The whole three-color concept as applied to the Trinity was just coming to light in the first book. With *Color Your World* it becomes one of the key organizing principles for NCD. Schwarz introduces fresh teaching on the Trinity that brings this doctrine alive with a variety of assessments and three-color concepts that will engage your heart and mind. This in itself makes the book worth reading if you want to keep up with the developing NCD story.

Second, *Color Your World* tells inspiring stories about how NCD principles have helped churches reach their communities and helped their members draw closer to the heart of God. You can use these stories to engage others in NCD.

Third, our understanding of the eight Quality Characteristics and the Growth Forces has continued to develop including how the three colors of God impact the Quality Characteristics. Included in the chapter of Growth Forces are steps for how to use each one more effectively.



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Finally, *Color Your World* points you to additional resources you may not be aware of including web resources that you can access with the code given to you in the book.

When it comes to your church health team not everyone may want to read it but all should be given the opportunity. One option for bringing the church health team up to speed would be for each person to take a chapter and give a chapter report to the team to enhance their understanding of NCD.

I would highly recommend investing in this book if you are engaging in NCD on any level. You can purchase *Color Your World with Natural Church Development* from ChurchSmart Resources by clicking on **this link**.

For the Kingdom,

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