2019 GFM NATIONAL STAFF CONFERENCE

PRE-CONFERENCE ASSIGNMENT

Please set aside 60-90 minutes to work through some or all of the following resources before Mundelein.

**Scripture:**

* Read Philippians (from which our conference theme is drawn) OR Deuteronomy 8 (our manuscript study passage). Note any themes that encourage you in Ministry Partnership Development (MPD).

**Other reading:**

* Please read the conference meeting book (to be sent ~10 days before conference), especially the ministry reports from colleagues
* Recommended: “[The Liturgy of Abundance, The Myth of Scarcity](https://www.religion-online.org/article/the-liturgy-of-abundance-the-myth-of-scarcity/)” by Walter Brueggemann

**Watch two or more MPD testimonies:**

* [Jasmin’s story](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TcECDVcgR64&feature=youtu.be) (3:37) of being coached in MPD
* [Doug’s story](https://mpd.intervarsity.org/mpd-ministry-dougs-story) (6:33) of how MPD blessed a couple in his Latino church
* [Tim’s story](https://mpd.intervarsity.org/mpd-ministry-tims-story) (5:11) of MPD as ministry to a NYC men’s group
* [Tom Lin & Andrew Ginsberg](https://staff.intervarsity.org/more-partnerships-are-advancing-ministry) (8:35): More Partnerships are Advancing Ministry
* More staff testimonies are [available here](https://mpd.intervarsity.org/staff-testimonies-0).

**Personal reflection questions:**

* What question do I hope to have answered when I leave the conference?
* What one person do I want to talk to?