



## Leadership Coaching

The Disciplines, Skills and Heart of a Christian Coach

By Tony Stoltzfus

★★★★★ (5 stars)

*Buy this book if:*

- *You want a the best book for teaching coaching skills to your small group or cell coaches*
- *You want an in-depth, practical guide to the skills and values of Christian coaching*

*(Note: This how-to coaching guide is here reviewed from a perspective of applications to cell church and small group systems. The book is targeted more broadly at coaching in general, but also serves this niche.)*

In a day when hourly professional fees range upwards from \$100, it is nearly impossible to find a book to read that is actually worth your time. *Leadership Coaching* is one of those rare finds.

Whether you are a cell church pastor, coach or small group leader, whether mature in the faith or brand new in the Lord, if you deal at all with people, *Leadership Coaching* is a "must read". Tony's principles are basic, yet profound. They are liberally illustrated by real life stories easily identified with. They are punctuated by challenging life application questions. *Leadership Coaching* is not a book you read—it is a book you experience!

Sharing Tony's listening principles with the men in our cells bore immediate fruit in their marriages as they went home and began to listen to their wives in a life-changing way. Our cell leaders and apprentices have begun to integrate his principles of asking powerful questions into how they facilitate sharing in cell. As a result, men's hearts have opened, ministry has become more powerful and cell life is being transformed.

We have for years built accountability into our cell structures, knowing that change happens best when a support structure is in place. Tony's chapter on *Support Structures* is catapulting our accountability structures to a new level. We will make sure in the future that our peer accountability relationships are built around these 7 life-giving principles.

Chapter 17, *Master Class: Encouragement and Expectations*, will significantly impact our future cell coach training. Our cell coaches will in the future be trained in the discipline of encouragement and learn how to effectively employ the G.U.E.S.S. acronym in their cell coaching.

### **Summary**

*Leadership Coaching* is a powerful tool for enhancing ministry and equipping leadership throughout the cell church. I strongly recommend it be read, and applied, by cell church leadership everywhere.

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