

...The Barna Group states that our culture is continually changing in cycles of three to five years. That being the case, the local church needs to be responsive to the ever-changing nature of our society. If there was ever a time for elders and other church leaders to be like the sons of Issachar, today is that day!

e2:effective elders is a ministry committed to equipping and resourcing elders to lead the church and keep the bride of Christ healthy. We are excited about partnering with the Oregon Christian Convention in January 2019 to hold our “What’s Next?” event. The three co-founders of e2 (Gary, David, and I) offer an opportunity to dialog, share, learn, and spark faithful conversations about the next steps for your congregation’s ministry, leadership team, and personal spiritual life.

Our “What’s Next?” event has three main sessions that build on the theme of developing a culture among leaders that is beyond the routine toward one that thinks forward and engages in strategic planning in ministry. Even over the lunch time a guided discussion between elders will be led by an e2 staff member. Following lunch, participants can choose from 2 of 6 breakout sessions that are designed to equip elders with the necessary insights and skills to take their next steps in leading the congregation. The event is not a conference, wherein you listen to people from a stage; rather it is an opportunity for dialog and discussion guided by individuals who love the church and have dedicated their lives to her health.

We look forward to meeting with you in January! For more information about e2’s ministry, resources, and services, I encourage you to visit [www.e2elders.org](http://www.e2elders.org) or email me at [jim@e2elders.org](mailto:jim@e2elders.org)

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