

Plenary Session 10/1/10

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- The center of Christian ministry is changing lives
- Heartland Conference helps church plants by:
  - Financial assistance
  - Executive help in decision making
  - Partnering with other established local churches
  - Goal: the church build up in 5 – 7 yrs to support themselves
- Q: What are some of the things that you are looking for in a new pastor, as a conference leader?
  - Where are you spiritually?
    - Committed, growing, consistent
  - What is your relationship with people?
    - What are you people skills?
    - Do you love people?
    - Understand, you are not a CEO
  - What are your preaching skills?
    - Get your messages in your heart
    - Own the message yourself. (Dr. Phil) Study on your own.
  - What's happening in your life as far as your family?
    - Financially? Marriage?
- There is a lot in the statement, "All I want to do is pastor."