



## Cross-Cultural Ministry as a Crucible of Spiritual Formation and Character Development – Part 1

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The richly illustrated genre of missionary biography paints in exquisite color and fine-pointed brush strokes the often tortuous journeys, sufferings and fruitfulness of God's cross-cultural messengers. However, few authors have sketched a panoramic topography of the journey of faith of missionaries taking the first step towards the nations.

This webinar will examine three macro-dynamics and three corresponding micro-dynamics which missionaries face as they move across cultures. It will study the growth-producing ingredients found in cross-cultural missions--the Spirit-designed crucible for individual and team spiritual formation and character development.

The webinar will explore appropriate responses to these questions:

1. Why do some missionaries become godly saints and effective leaders, while others plateau, burn-out and drop-out?
2. What are the global realities and cross-cultural distinctives contributing to the "crucible" experience which impact the effectiveness of missionaries living in other cultures?
3. What might be a more helpful way of looking at and understanding a typical cross-cultural sojourn so as to better prepare our missionaries for this journey?

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