

OPEN SPACE REPORT

Road to Damascus: The Christ and Change in an Age of Anxiety

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Key Points of the presentation and discussion:

Speaker put up examples of a church in crisis; outlined complaints in each case and then asked what people observed.

Showed how to change the blame shame model to system/systematic models to identify unhealthy patterns and address them.

Described various cases of chronic anxiety, acute anxiety.

Group broke up into groups of three to talk about conflicts they've experienced.

Recommendations and/or Resources arising from the discussion

The Lombard Mediation Training

Follow up and/or "Next Steps"

None

GROUP ATTENDEES

Rev. Bob Cassell

Judith Cassell

John Griffin

Rev. Wilson Gunn (Executive Presbyter of National Capital Presbytery)

Terri Pearson

Howard Prohl

Rev. Leanne M. Strommen

Rev. Steve Wright

Rev. Steve Yamaguchi