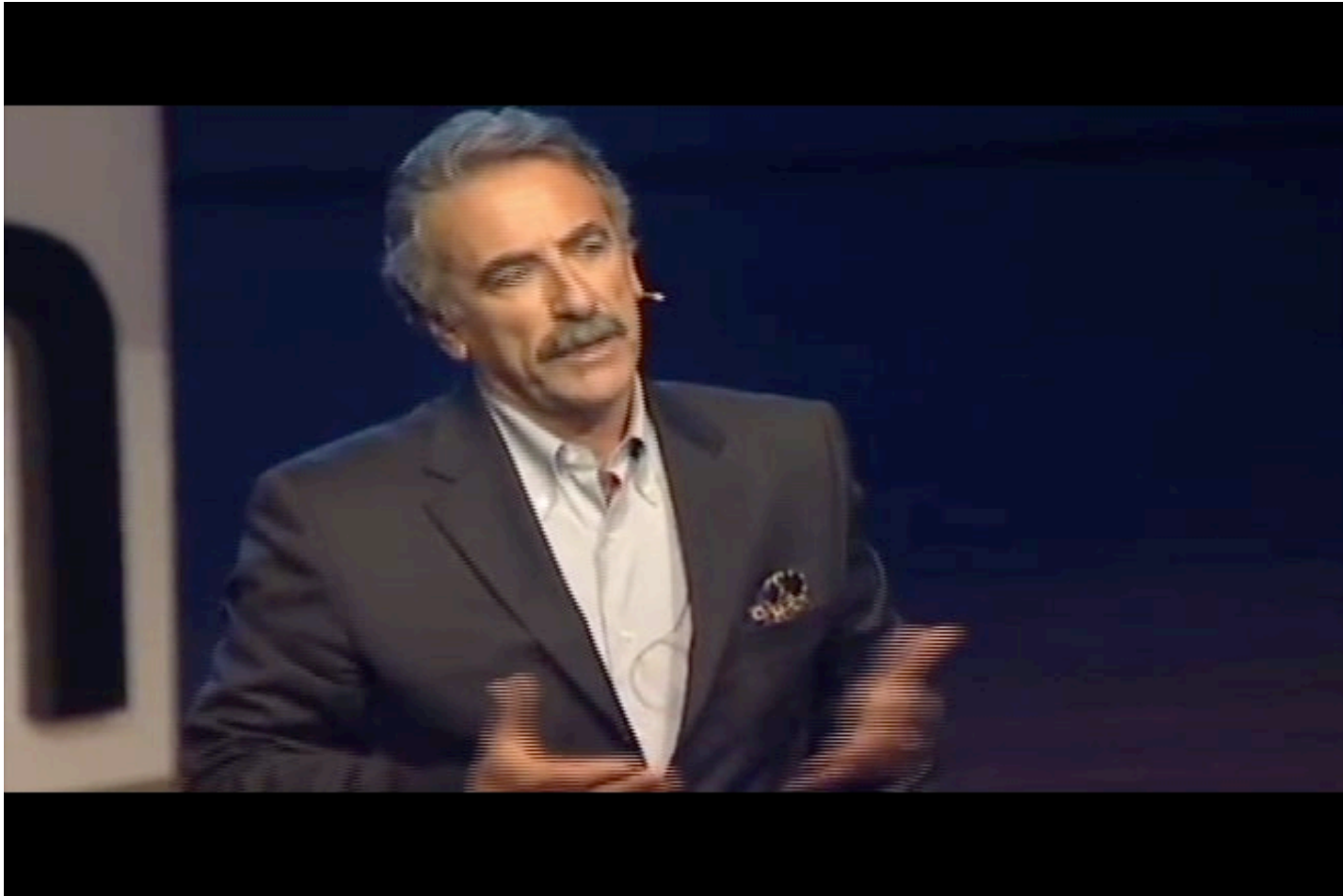




Best Practice – Says Who?

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Who Decides?



Composite Definition

(Also termed, evidence-based research)

“...methods that by experience, research and employment by a considerable number of people, have been shown, over time, to be effective, efficient and result in the desired outcome” (Butrin, 2010).

Questions to Ask:

- **What practices are most effective?**
- **For whom?**
- **Compared to what?**
- **How are the results measured?**

- **Are results reported by “credible” organizations?**



Example

Exclusive breast feeding for babies born to HIV positive mothers

Paying to “rescue” trafficked women

What is considered “best practice” does change over time – new research, studies, experience.

Examples of Best Practice in Missions?

- Indigenous church principles
- Not building dependency
- Training nationals to do for themselves
- Reaching children
- Sustainability (?)
- Asset and need assessment ?
- Evaluation of methods and impact?

Examples of Best Practice in Compassion Ministries?

- **Dignity and respect (Gen 1:26, 27; Ps 139:12)**
- **Wholistic ministry – Luke 4:18-19
(Integrated)**
- **Development instead of relief (when appropriate)**
- **Indigenous principles**
- **Not building dependency**

Examples of Best Practice in Compassion Ministries?

- **Training**
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- **Sustainability (?)**
- **Research & asset and need assessment ?**
- **Evaluation of methods and impact?**

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