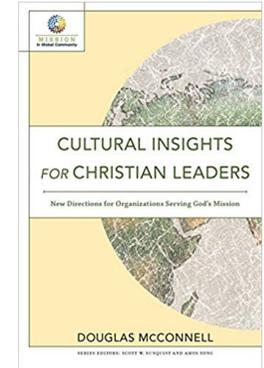


# READING GUIDE

## *Cultural Insights for Christian Leaders: New Directions for Organizations Serving God's Mission*



Suggested plan: Seven slots of 1.5 hours for individuals or 2 hours for groups, preferably in a setting that allows oneself to concentrate on the reading and reflection, either daily (7 consecutive days), weekly (7 consecutive weeks), or bi-weekly (14 weeks). FLINT recommends doing this with a ministry group that consists of people of diverse cultures if possible.

### SUGGESTED SCHEDULE

Session 1	Session 2	Session 3	Session 4
<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 1</b> (24 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 183–187 – 5 pages)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>What are the objectives of your ministry?</i></li> <li>2. <i>Evaluating these objectives in the light of God's mission, are there things that the ministry should prioritise or forgo to make the ministry more effective?</i></li> </ol>	<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 2</b> (26 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 187–188 – 2 pages)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>What cultural conflicts can you currently observe in your ministry?</i></li> <li>2. <i>What are some ways that can be taken to address those conflicts?</i></li> </ol>	<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 3</b> (28 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 188–189 – 2 pages)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>What is your evaluation on the way your ministry responds to cultural diversity?</i></li> <li>2. <i>Are there any practical ways we can promote cultural dialogues to enhance the wellbeing of people in our ministry?</i></li> </ol>	<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 4</b> (26 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 190 – 1 page)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>On what occasions have you seen the reciprocal imitations between the diverse cultures in the ministry?</i></li> <li>2. <i>Are there any healthy cultural rituals that can be introduced to improve social appreciation of the coexistence of different cultures in ministry?</i></li> </ol>
Session 5	Session 6	Session 7	
<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 5</b> (24 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 191–192 – 2 pages)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Who are the authoritative persons in your ministry? How are their use of authority generally perceived?</i></li> <li>2. <i>Are there any avenues for people from non-majority cultures to lead in the ministry? What are they?</i></li> </ol>	<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 6</b> (26 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 192–193 – 2 pages)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>Can you identify subcultures that have been formed in your ministry and society?</i></li> <li>2. <i>How can understanding these subcultures enrich and orientate the ministry objectives?</i></li> </ol>	<p><u>60 mins reading</u></p> <p><b>Chapter 7</b> (28 pages) <b>Chapter 8</b> (pp. 193–194 – 2 pages)</p> <p><u>30 mins reflection/discussion</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <i>How have multicultural people in your ministry and society influenced one another, including you?</i></li> <li>2. <i>In what ways can interpenetration of cultures benefit the effectiveness of the ministry in serving the members, as well as society at large?</i></li> </ol>	