

## Podcast Show Notes – Todd Engstrom

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### **Introductions with Chad and Dave**

### **Interview with Todd Engstrom**

#### Questions:

1. Tell us about your family, ministry journey, & how you ended up at the Austin Stone?
2. Talk about some of the things you guys have learned about creating the kind of culture at Austin Stone where movement continues to happen: disciples are made, groups multiply, churches are planted. (or something along those lines)
3. You guys do Missional Communities at the Stone but all your groups don't start out as MCs. Talk about how you start groups & how you hope to eventually move them to MCs.
4. One of the things we appreciate about you is your approach to systems in the church. It's also an area that a lot of planters struggle with. You did a One Day in Arkansas in February & talked about this importance of systems. Give us your approach to building good systems in church.
5. What are some good tools or resources to help church do some self-assessment of their church culture to be able to highlight strengths and weaknesses and potentially fix some holes.
6. I (Chad) really enjoyed doing the cohort with you & Trevor Joy from the Village a couple of years ago. It's probably the best learning environment I've ever been a part of. Tell us a little about your cohorts & why you are doing training this way.
7. God has done some amazing things in and through Austin Stone. You guys have had some great growth and have also poured into an invested in lots of young church planters over the years. What do you see as some common struggles young planters have? What do you guys do to prevent some of those things happening at Austin Stone?
8. If you could say one final thing to church planters, what would it be?

#### Rapid Fire:

- Top one or two books that have had the most impact on you: *Total Church* by Steve Timmis and Tim Chester and *The Master Plan of Evangelism* by Robert Coleman
- Biggest strength in church planting: Ability to make disciples and leaders
- Biggest weakness to overcome: Can become rigid and restrictive with ideas he doesn't like

- Favorite Hobby or pastime: Top Golf
- Favorite movie: Dumb and Dumber and The Mission
- Favorite Band/Musician: Pearl Jam

## **Follow-Up thoughts to the Interview with Todd**

**Story Time with Uncle Neal Scoggins** – Story about Chanson Newborn and Fellowship Community Church in Forest City, AR

### **Dave and Chad's Bookshelf:**

Chad: *Saturate* by Jeff Vanderstelt

Dave: *Prayers Plainly Spoken* by Stanley Hauerwas

### **Coming soon:**

ABSC Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference – October 24-26 at Immanuel LR  
Interview with Chanson Newborn of Fellowship Community Church in Forest City, AR.

Interview with Dean Fulks of Lifepoint Church in Columbus, Ohio and Send City  
Coordinator with NAMB for Columbus.

The Grind Mailbag: email us at [thegrind@absc.org](mailto:thegrind@absc.org)

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### **Book Links:**

Prayers Plainly Spoken:

[https://smile.amazon.com/Prayers-Plainly-Spoken-Stanley-Hauerwas/dp/1592441378/ref=tmm\\_pap\\_swatch\\_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1473190379&sr=8-1](https://smile.amazon.com/Prayers-Plainly-Spoken-Stanley-Hauerwas/dp/1592441378/ref=tmm_pap_swatch_0?encoding=UTF8&qid=1473190379&sr=8-1)

Saturate:

[https://smile.amazon.com/Saturate-Being-Disciples-Jesus-Everyday/dp/1433545993/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1473190488&sr=8-1&keywords=Saturate+Vanderstelt](https://smile.amazon.com/Saturate-Being-Disciples-Jesus-Everyday/dp/1433545993/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1473190488&sr=8-1&keywords=Saturate+Vanderstelt)

Total Church:

[https://smile.amazon.com/Total-Church-Radical-Reshaping-Community/dp/1433502089/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1476202395&sr=8-1&keywords=Total+Church](https://smile.amazon.com/Total-Church-Radical-Reshaping-Community/dp/1433502089/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1476202395&sr=8-1&keywords=Total+Church)

Master Plan of Evangelism:

[https://smile.amazon.com/Master-Evangelism-Reprint-Coleman-published/dp/B00E29AD5M/ref=sr\\_1\\_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1476202439&sr=8-2&keywords=Master+Plan+of+Evangelism](https://smile.amazon.com/Master-Evangelism-Reprint-Coleman-published/dp/B00E29AD5M/ref=sr_1_2?ie=UTF8&qid=1476202439&sr=8-2&keywords=Master+Plan+of+Evangelism)