George Otis’ research in 20 significantly spiritual-revived communities around the world revealed some common threads in the transformation process:

1. A core group of spiritual leaders who refused to give up on the vision of a transformed community
2. God’s people uniting in corporate prayer for change, a prayer that seems desperate in nature
3. Divisions injurious to the body of Christ were being resolved in repentance and forgiveness
4. Public power encounters—existing evil in a community was being dealt with publicly
5. Diagnostic research—an understanding of the harvest field (community) and the harvest force (church) through information that shows the spiritual needs of people within the community as well as obstacles that could hinder or complicate the proclamation of the Kingdom of God.

Key ideas, words or phrases

What struck me most . . .