

Park Street Dialogues: Connecting followers of Jesus in Boston and beyond.

Show description:

Hosted by Park Street Church's senior minister, Mark Booker, Park Street Dialogues is a series of conversations with the intent of connecting followers of Jesus in Boston and beyond. Mark talks with a diverse group of guests about their work and ministry in the city and their perspectives on the work of God in Boston: both in its opportunities and its challenges.

PSD 0 | Mark Booker on His Vision for Park Street Dialogues

Mark explains his heart and vision for Park Street Dialogues in this introduction to the podcast.

PSD 1 | Barry Kang, Lead Pastor of Symphony Church

Barry Kang, lead pastor and planter at [Symphony Church](#) in Boston, talks with Mark Booker about his call to pastoral ministry and his move to Boston in 2010 to plant a church that would reach college students. Barry and Mark also discuss how Symphony Church is seeking to serve the city and the challenges they face in doing so. In addition to leading Symphony Church, Barry gives leadership to Greater Things for Greater Boston, a network of Christian leaders who are working together to seek the good of the city.

Links:

[Why Cities Matter: To God, the Culture, and the Church](#) by Stephen T. Um

[Symphony Church](#)

The Wednesday Pastors Prayer (7:30am-8:30am via Zoom): email Barry Kang (barrykang at gmail)

PSD 2 | Bryan Wilkerson, Senior Pastor of Grace Chapel

Bryan Wilkerson, senior pastor at [Grace Chapel](#) in Lexington, joins Mark Booker for a conversation about Boston culture, challenges in the life of the church, and ways that Boston churches can learn from and work with each other. Bryan tells the story of how he came to have a heart for the city and how that led to a regular gathering of pastors that came to be known as Greater Things for Greater Boston. Bryan also addresses the challenge of polarization in the church, the challenge of relating across generations, and the growing focus on justice among evangelicals.

Links:

[Grace Chapel](#)

[Movement Day](#)

[Christianity Today on Ravi Zacharias](#)

[The Dispatch on Ravi Zacharias](#) with David French

PSD 3 | Jua Robinson, Executive Director of Boston Collaborative

Jua Robinson is the Executive Director of Boston Collaborative, an organization that connects networks of Christians to each other and to organizations that help Boston flourish. In this conversation with Mark, he shares his heart that Christians would become known for the key contributions we make to the flourishing of our city. He also tells the story of moving to Boston in 2006 to plant a multiethnic church, and he shares valuable lessons from that experience that speak to the heart of Christians discipleship.

Links:

[Boston Collaborative](#)

[Boston Collaborative Feasibility Study and Research Findings](#) (2019 report)

[Bethel AME](#)

[Charles River Church](#)

[Emmanuel Gospel Center](#)

[Noah's Ark Whitewater Rafting & Adventure Company](#)

PSD 4 | Betsy Cowan Neptune, Chief of Economic Development, Metropolitan Area Planning Council and Co-Leader of Thrive and Grow

Betsy Cowan Neptune serves as the Chief of Economic Development for the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. In this role, she helps with the development and planning of communities and neighborhoods around greater Boston. In her conversation with Mark, Betsy talks about the challenges that our communities face, and she shares some great ideas for how Christians can engage with businesses in our neighborhoods and beyond. She and Mark also discuss the tension of partnering with others for the common good while knowing that our ultimate hope is in God and his coming future. Betsy helps to lead Thrive and Grow, a network of Christian entrepreneurs and business leaders in Boston, and she serves on the board of the Emmanuel Gospel Center.

[Metropolitan Area Planning Council](#)

[Thrive and Grow](#)

[Abundant Life Church](#)

[London Institute for Contemporary Christianity \(LICC\)](#)

[LICC Intro Video on Fruitfulness on the Frontline](#)

PSD 5 | David Wright, Executive Director of BMA TenPoint

David Wright is the Executive Director of BMA TenPoint, which is a merger of the Black Ministerial Alliance and the Boston Ten Point Coalition, as well as an adjunct Professor at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary's Boston Campus and a board member of several other organizations in the city. In their conversation, David and Mark discuss the history of the church in Boston, particularly in regards to race, and the current ways in which the church in the city continues to struggle with reconciliation.

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