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BA/BS - Gardner Webb University

M.Div – Duke University

Additional study: North Carolina State University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Gardner-Webb University School of Divinity, Fuller Theological Seminary, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Nelson Searcy is the founder and lead pastor of The Journey Church of the City, an innovative, multicultural church located in New York City. Founded in 2002, The Journey has grown to over 1,200 people in weekly attendance and more than 1,400 involved in weekly small groups during its first six years. A multi-site church with locations across the metro New York City, The Journey continues to grow and innovate and serve the people of NYC.

An experienced strategist, coach and speaker, Searcy serves as a regular consultant to churches across America. He is the author of dozens of articles and training resources on leadership, evangelism, church planting, and church growth. In addition, he is an author of many Christian books on church leadership and numerous resources for pastors and other church leaders. He is also the founder of Church Leader Insights, an organization that provides training and resources for pastors.

## **Prior Ministry Experience**

After becoming a Christian while in college, Searcy entered full time ministry in 1990.

Searcy served with the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina and pastored churches in North Carolina from 1990 to 1999.

Searcy went on staff with Rick Warren in 1999. There he was the founding director of the Purpose Driven Community at Saddleback Church, with more than 5,000 member churches, and a key architect for Warren's PurposeDriven.com.

## **Honors**

2004 Purpose Driven Church Health Award

2008 Alumni of the Year - Gardner-Webb University

2006 Top 100 Fastest Growing Churches in the US (Outreach Magazine)

2007 Top 10 Most Innovative Churches in America (Outreach Magazine)

## **Conference Speaking Highlights**

Willow Creek Community Church

Saddleback Church

Fellowship of the Woodlands

Outreach Convention

On Target Evangelism Conference of the California Baptist Convention

Assembly of God National Church Planting Conference

Baptist Convention of Ohio

Florida Baptist Convention Pastors Conference

Southern Baptist Convention Pastors Conference

Church Planters.com National Conference

Easum Bandy & Associates

Purpose Driven Church Conference

Preaching for Life Change Conference

Liberty University Convocation Speaker

General Baptist Convention

National Servant Evangelism Conference

## **Bibliography**

[Launch: Starting a New Church from Scratch](#) (ISBN 0830743103)

[Fusion: Turning First-Time Guests into Fully-Engaged Members of Your Church](#)  
(ISBN 0830745319)

[Activate: An Entirely New Approach to Small Groups](#) (ISBN 0830745661)

[Ignite: Sparking Immediate Growth In Your Church](#) (ISBN 0801072166 - Coming Fall 2009)

## **Additional Links**

[www.journeymetro.com](http://www.journeymetro.com)

[www.churchleaderinsights.org](http://www.churchleaderinsights.org)

[www.epicadventures.org](http://www.epicadventures.org)