

About the Author, John Nielsen



Communication Empowerment
Founder and Director

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Author of
Effective Communications Skills
and
*Advanced Team-Building / Facilitator
Training Skills*

John's Qualifications

Coachville Schools of Coaching—Charter Member
see their Website at <http://www.coachville.com>

PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program)—Certified Trainer
see their Website at <http://www.prepinc.com>

Prepare/Enrich—Certified Trainer
see their Web site at www.lifeinnovations.com

Couple Communication Program—Certified Trainer
see their Web site at
<http://www.couplecommunication.com>

Ordained Minister at Community of Grace Church
see their Website at <http://www.icgrace.org>

Ministry Insights Certified Trainer
See their Website at <http://www.ministryinsights.com>

Licensed Mediator - California & Texas

Business Builder and Team Manager

Leadership Hayward Alumnus (1990), City of Hayward, California

California Southern Baptist Convention—Four years
Executive Board Member

Life Experiences

From age seventeen until 1986, John struggled with alcohol and drug addiction. From being a successful businessman with a wife and two children, he ended up divorced, bankrupt, and depressed. In 1987, John rededicated his life to Jesus Christ and started on his own recovery journey. In 1989, he began leading programs to help others with relationship and/or addiction issues. John met his current wife Debbie at Community of Grace Church, and they have been happily married since 1993.

John started the healing and recovery ministries at Community of Grace in 1991. Personal and relationship healing have become such a central part of church life that the church went by the nickname “Restoration Depot.”

Business History

As a former marine and business owner, John has a history of successfully leading teams of people to achieve business and organizational goals.

Largest Regional Distributorship, Western United States

John started as a Safeguard Business Systems distributor in 1970, visiting Northern California businesses, and making presentations to CPA firms to sell manual and computerized accounting systems. As sales increased, he gathered

and trained a fifteen-person sales force. By the time he sold the distributorship fourteen years later, it had eleven thousand loyal customers and was the number one Safeguard distributorship in the Western United States.

Program Facilitator

Based on his proven people skills, the University of Arizona hired John and trained him to conduct drug and alcohol prevention programs for the US Navy and Marines (NADSAP). John conducted forty-hour alcohol and drug prevention workshops for military personnel on bases throughout the Western United States.

Community-based Recovery Programs

While working for the military drug prevention program, John also facilitated community recovery groups. This eventually became the Steps of Grace Christ-centered twelve-step program at Community of Grace. Steps of Grace currently has twenty-five trained group facilitators leading small support groups for issues ranging from codependency, substance, and sexual addictions to groups for the spouses of addicts and grief recovery. Other recipients of facilitator training have gone on to start recovery groups and programs in their own organizations.

As associate pastor at Community of Grace, John counseled or coached thousands of people as well as conducting numerous workshops in communication skills and group dynamics. He also trains and mentors other people and organizations in how to lead, coach, counsel, and teach these communication skills workshops.

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