

FOUNDATIONAL RESEARCH

Culture Resurrection Index

Methodology and topline for the 1,000-respondent field study Pastor Jared Fabac commissioned as the foundational research behind Leading Lazarus. The CRI results are not published in the book. They are the reason the book takes the shape it does.

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Study overview

NAME	Culture Resurrection Index (CRI)
TYPE	Cross-sectional online field survey
SAMPLE SIZE	1,000 respondents
COMPOSITION	400 U.S. pastors, 400 U.S. executives, 200 U.S. parents
FIELD DATES	Spring 2026
MARGIN OF ERROR	± 3.1 percentage points at 95% confidence (full sample)
SPONSOR	Pastor Jared Fabac. Question design reviewed by an independent survey methodologist.
PURPOSE	To confirm the eight frameworks in Leading Lazarus address the actual pain points pastors, executives, and parents face.

Topline findings — Pastors *(n = 400)*

- **82%** have seriously considered leaving vocational ministry in the last five years.
- **74%** of those cited culture as the primary reason. Only 8 percent cited compensation.
- **63%** have never been trained in a repeatable framework for giving hard feedback.
- **77%** named modeling and multiplying culture as a skill they wish they had learned earlier.
- **34%** describe their current team culture as healthy. 66 percent do not.

Topline findings — Executives *(n = 400)*

- **72%** report they do not have a repeatable, named framework for giving performance feedback.
- **91%** rate feedback as the most important skill they use in a given week.
- **63%** describe their most recent quarterly goals as vague or hard to measure when they set them.
- **51%** have left, or seriously considered leaving, a job in the past five years primarily because of culture.
- **2.3×** teams whose leaders use a named feedback framework are 2.3 times more likely to describe their culture as healthy.

Topline findings — Parents (*n* = 200)

- **81%** have never written down a family vision statement or a set of shared values.
- **78%** report that the same argument keeps happening in their home under different circumstances.
- **48%** name the most common reason as: we have never agreed out loud on how to move forward.
- **77%** of parents who have written a family vision describe their family culture as healthy — versus only 36 percent of those who have not.
- **69%** wish they had a repeatable practice for hard conversations with their kids.

Reading the findings responsibly

Self-reported. Every finding is a self-assessment by the respondent, not an outside audit. When citing, please describe the data as self-reported.

Subgroup margins. The full sample is well powered; subgroup findings carry a wider margin (approx. ± 4.9 points).

Association, not causation. The 2.3-times finding describes a correlation, not a causal claim.

Data access

Credentialed press may request the full methodology paper, topline data tables, and anonymized micro-data. Contact Rachel Grace at RW Publishing.

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