

SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Pastor Jim Cymbala, author of *Fan the Flame*

- The last two years have been difficult for just about every person on the planet. Churches and pastors are no exception, with attendance on the decline and morale low among clergy. What have you heard from pastors during the last two years? How are they doing?
- Your new book, *Fan the Flame*, is your first in a decade. Why this book and why now?
- The Brooklyn Tabernacle is renowned for many reasons, but music and prayer are perhaps two of the best known. How have these two elements contributed to the growth of your congregation's size and spiritual maturity?
- Share a story, from your five decades as a pastor, about a time of discouragement. How did you find hope, find your way through that tough time?
- You write that it is important for weary pastors to remember their calling. What does that look like?
- You also write that it's important for church leaders to go back to the basics. What are the most basic, fundamental practices that must not be neglected in a Spirit-led church?
- You describe four "detours" that can pull a pastor and congregation off track: tradition, the latest trends, politics, and culture. Can you unpack those for us?
- When church leaders hit rock bottom, role models can help them find their way through tough seasons. You recommend a role model from scripture: the apostle Paul. What does Paul have to offer today's church leaders?
- You emphasize the importance of taking care of one's physical well-being and spiritual wellbeing during stressful seasons. What might that look like for pastors in the U.S.?
- *Fan the Flame* offers encouragement to pastors, pointing them back to their calling and their relationship with Jesus. What does the book offer for lay leaders and churchgoers?
- Your 1997 bestseller, *Fresh Wind, Fresh Fire*, inspired Christians around the globe. How does that book's message relate to the themes of *Fan the Flame*? What is your prayer today for American churches?



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