



Missional Renaissance

Changing the Scorecard for the Church

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“The rise of the missional church is the single biggest development in Christianity since the Reformation.”

This quote by Reggie McNeal certainly grabs a reader’s attention. In McNeal’s new book he describes what it means to become a missional congregation. McNeal discusses three missional shifts in a church leader’s thinking & behavior that are necessary for becoming truly missional.

The three shifts are:

1. From an Internal to an External Ministry Focus
 - From destination to connector.
 - From members to missionaries.
 - From attractional to incarnational.
 - From proclamation first to demonstration first.
 - From institutional to organic.

2. From Program Development to People Development
 - From participation to maturation.
 - From didactic to behavioral.
 - From curriculum-centered to life-centered.
 - From growing into service to growing through service.
 - From compartmentalization to integration.
 - From age segregation to age integration.

3. From Church-Based to Kingdom-Based Leadership
 - From leading an institution to leading a movement.
 - From being pastor of a church to being pastor of a community.
 - Working to demonstrate the kingdom of God in the community.
 - We are blessed to be a blessing.
 - Bringing church into every domain of culture.
 - Not in competition with other churches.

Missional Renaissance offers a clear path for any leader or congregation that wants to breathe new life into the church and to become revitalized as true followers of Jesus.