

DM 906 Leading Worship and Discipleship
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Thesis Statement: The missional church has opportunities to reform and equip worshipping communities with the original intent of fulfilling Jesus mission throughout the world. This requires a mindset that enables and assists other churches to cross boundaries. Afterwards, visibility of actively engaging in communities will intentionally regain God's mission without further delay. One necessary key factor is putting God first, at the same time help churches manifest growth and development in missional. Another area involves the church using practical resources that enables manifestation of a missional church.

Insights gained from reading Roxburgh and Doren book includes but not limited to, introduction of what it means to have a missional church. Further experiences learned involves ways of connecting to communities, through a sense of stirring the heart and mind with more motivation. Next, develop greater love for people with a stronger desire for mission work. Churches today tend to function as wanderers in the first century, relying on comfort zones within the walls of the church.

Additionally, the readings are spiritually and emotionally challenging. Other take away from the book is a reminder of caution, because the wall is a hindrance to the "move of the Holy Spirit." Although, worshipers attend church service they were not experiencing the Holy Spirit's power. This may contribute to a mindset resulting in assumptions that leads believers to focus on the church only as "a place to worship and serve God." Yet, it is highly important to have more focus on mission work within the worshipping community. There is a wrong and right way to do church, ignoring the move of the Holy Spirit is the wrong way.

Another inspiring eye opener from the book is the missional church is not just about the church as a whole. Making the church a place of attraction for worship is not a bad idea but, there is much, much more. Connecting to the community of worshippers entails going outside to complete more important aspects of doing church. The work of mission supersedes the idleness of the church that tend to remain stagnant within its walls. It is time for the church to stand up and realize “the Spirit is calling the church on a journey outside of itself and its internal focus.”¹ This is a powerful statement that hits the nail on the head missing nothing.

Nevertheless, Roxburgh and Boren readings on the missional church calls believers to engage deeper in the field of mission. Adhering to a deeper way of thinking outside the box. It causes the heart and mind to greater thoughts of doing missions in the community. There are certain beliefs that missions should be the highest sought-after ministry for all worshippers to partake of. If the community is not actively involved in promoting a missional church a transformation of mind, heart, body soul and spirit is highly recommended. There is agreement with the authors on the importance of doing mission work with a greater understanding of what it means to do mission.

Additionally, encouragement and motivation is found in the authors informing readers of what mission is and what it is not. There are different beliefs and opinions of church missions, it is viewed as a “religious assignment carried out to communities locally and abroad.” This begins with an attitude of willingness to be transformed by the way one thinks. Other areas include having an awareness with desire to meet people needs. There is agreement with Roxburgh and

¹Roxburgh, Alan J., and M. Scott Boren. 2009. *Introducing the Missional Church: What it is, Why it Matters, How to become one*. Grand Rapids, MI: Bakers Books.

Boren concerning “a season transition, involving listening and becoming aware of their own stories and the people in their communities.”²

Moreover, there is agreement with expectations arising from Roxburgh and Boren statement, that sums up this message. “The Spirit of God is moving in the church in creative and generative ways that call the people of God to engage their neighborhoods and display God’s kingdom in everyday life.”³ Lastly, this phrase stands out significantly, “missional is about God, not the church.” The readings provide challenging experiences that are intentional and motivational.

Bibliography

Alan J. Roxburgh and M. Scott Boren, *Introducing the Missional Church: What It Is, Why It Matters, How to Become One*. Cambridge, MA: Baker Books, 2009.

² Ibid

³ Ibid, 52.

