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Shaped by God's Heart: The Passion and Practices of Missional Churches

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The 3 Major Focus's of Churches

- Obligation
- Gratification
- Mission

A Continuum of Perspective

- Terminal – focus has been lost
- Survival – focused on the past
- Conventional – internally focused
- Missional – externally focused

Definition of a Missional Church

- a reproducing community of authentic disciples being equipped as missionaries sent by God to live and proclaim His Kingdom in their world

The Passion of Missional Churches

Love God

- Worship
- Obey

Live His Mission

- Serve
- Share

Love People

- Embrace
- Invite

Lead them to follow

- Equip
- Empower

The ‘formula’ for becoming God’s missional people

Spirituality – Intimacy with God

Strategy – what does God want to accomplish through us

Structure – how should we organize to accomplish His strategy

In summary, the Missional Church is:

- Not a program or a process
- A return to first-century Biblical Christianity
- A distinct culture

Culture – From Passion to Action

- Culture is value driven behavior - “we act what we believe”

A comparison of mission-minded and missional churches

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| - Sending and supporting | vs | Being and doing |
| - Representative | vs | Participative |
| - Program | vs | Identity |
| - Expression | vs | Essence |

The 9 Distinct Practices of Missional Churches

- Missional Practice #1
 - Have high threshold for membership
- Missional Practice #2
 - Want to be real, but not real religious
- Missional Practice #3
 - Teach to obey rather than to know
- Missional Practice #4
 - Rewrite worship every week
- Missional Practice #5
 - Help members live apostolically
- Missional Practice #6
 - Expect to change the world
- Missional Practice #7
 - Order actions based upon their purpose
- Missional Practice #8
 - Measure growth by capacity to release, not retain
- Missional Practice #9
 - Place Kingdom concerns first

A Missional culture assessment is available

- Used to determine your current reality and change readiness
- Available at MissionalJourney.org and in [Shaped by God's Heart: The Passion and Practices of Missional Churches](#)

Two responses to current reality:

- That's just the way it is...
- It can be different...

The Leadership Challenge

Maintaining Creative Tension

Current Reality – Preferred Future

Three choices every church has concerning its future

- Continue doing the same things
- Seek to do the same things better
- Choose to begin doing new things

”The quality of a culture may be changed when two percent of its people have a new vision.”

Robert Bellah, Department of Sociology at the University of California-Berkley quoted in
Involvement: Being a Responsible Christian in a Non-Christian Society. John R.W. Stott.
Fleming H. Revell Company, 1984.

How can our church move forward on the journey to missional?

- Express your desire to God in prayer
- Emphasize cultural shift from mission minded to missional essence
- Expose leaders to Kingdom initiatives
- Embark on the journey with others at MissionalJourney.org

Resources:

Shaped by God's Heart

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Missional Church Cultural Assessment

www.missionaljourney.org

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