



“What you need to know about the past is that no matter what has happened, it has all worked together to bring you to this very moment. And this is the moment you can choose to make everything new. Right now.”

anonymous

ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS

Is *my* church really where God is calling us to be?

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Are we fulfilling the **Great Commandment** and the **Great Commission** as well as we could be?

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with *all your heart*, and with *all your soul*, and with *all your mind*.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall *love your neighbor as yourself*.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

- Matthew 22:34-40

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go therefore and *make disciples* of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

- Matthew 28:16-20

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Are we as a congregation fully living into the vision that Christ had for his body the church in making disciples of Jesus Christ?

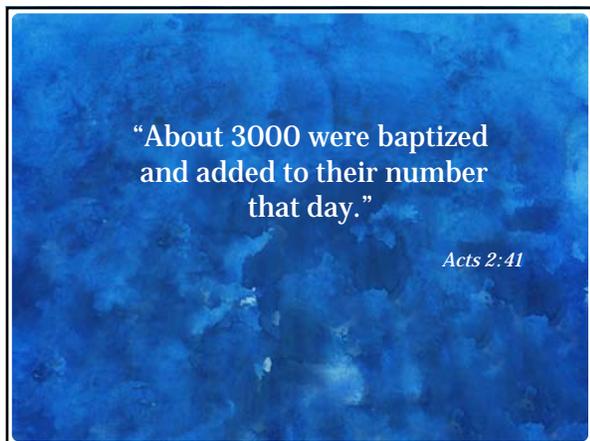
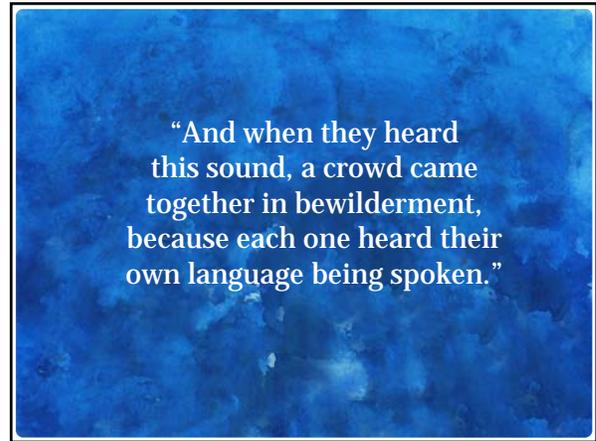
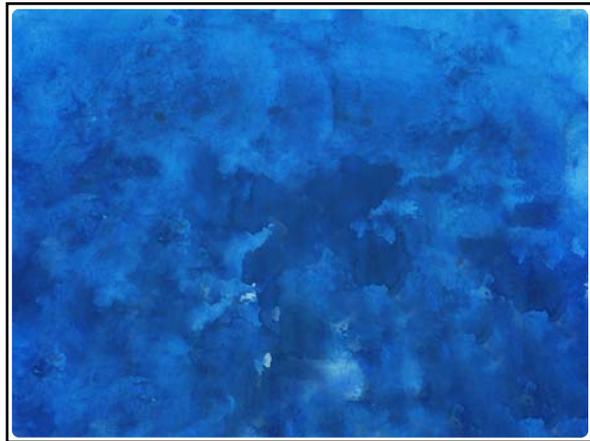
"The reason people find it so hard to be happy is that they always see the past better than it was, the present worse than it is, and the future less resolved than it will be."

Marcel Pagnol



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What does this wish to be?

VITAL CONGREGATIONS

Vital congregations reach those who are within listening distance in a way they can hear.

TIMELINE OF CHURCH HISTORY

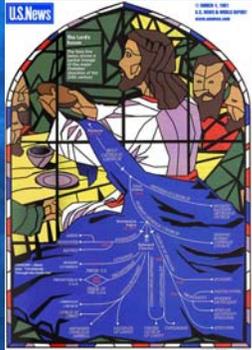


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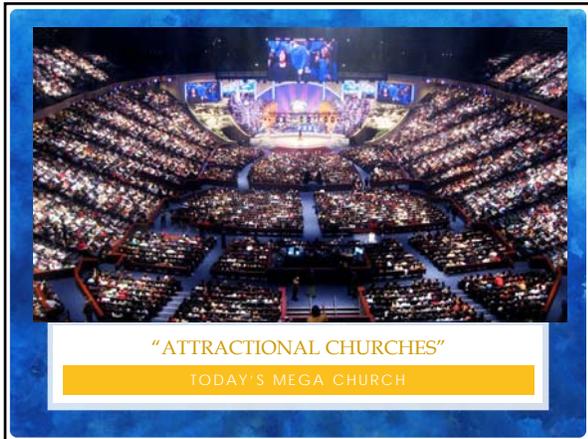
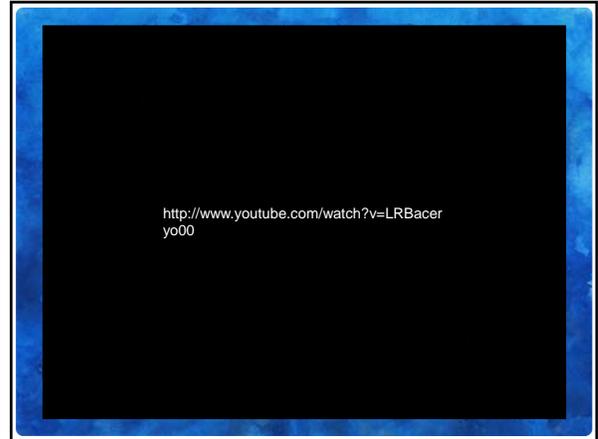
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There is no agreement on an explanation of how Christianity managed to spread so successfully prior to the Edict of Milan and the establishment of Christianity as the state religion of the Roman Empire. For some Christians, the success was simply the natural consequence of the truth of the religion and the hand of Providence.

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However, similar explanations can be claimed for the spread of Islam and Buddhism – yet not one of them are historical explanations. In *The Rise of Christianity*, Rodney Stark argues that Christianity triumphed over paganism chiefly because it improved the lives of its adherents in various ways.





“For me, vital congregations really are helping people grow in their relationship with God and their relationship with their neighbors. Congregations that are vital are helping people live out their discipleship.”

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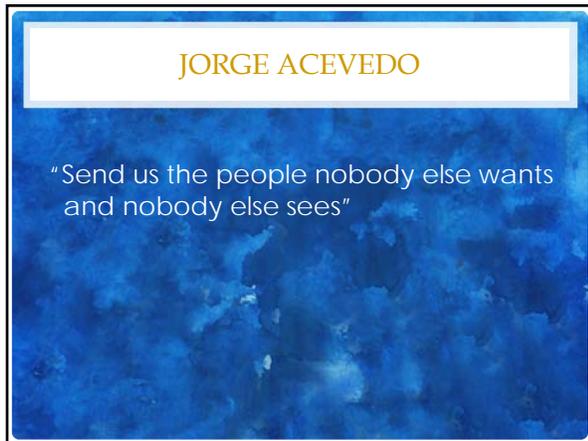
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- None are entirely traditional in worship style.

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- Most are located in the Bible Belt. 3 of the top 7 and 5 total are part of the Florida Conference.





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"The King's Kitchen" will operate as a public restaurant, serving local, healthy, Southern cuisine and the profits and proceeds from "The King's Kitchen" will go toward feeding the poor.

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In addition, The King's Kitchen will also operate "The King's Kitchen Restoration Program" as a five-part training program to employ, train and minister the gospel of Jesus Christ to homeless, the poor, troubled youth, rehab graduates and other members of our community who are in need of employment.

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The King's Kitchen will operate in the spirit of excellence by training and equipping the whole person (spirit, soul and body) thereby sending out developed leaders into our community. This will be done by working together with other local ministries, businesses, non-profits and people of faith.

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES

- Matthew 25:40
 - Then the King will say, 'I'm telling you the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or ignored, that was me – you did it to me.'
- The Message

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- Luke 7:22
 - So He replied to them, Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the good news (the Gospel) preached to them.

– Amplified

FOUNDATION SCRIPTURES

- Galatians 2:10
 - They only [made one stipulation], that we were to remember the poor, which very thing I was also eager to do.
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“I've heard a lot of chatter in the last couple of years about the end of the “attractional church” and the rise of the “missional church”. This language reflects a move, primarily in the evangelical tradition, away from a philosophy of ministry centered on big-event worship experiences that include short set rock concert playlists and extended spoken word presentation of Christian living topics called a “message”.

Missional church advocates make a call away from such “big box” community and non-denominational church events, characteristic of 1990s trends, and toward missional philosophies that emphasize “go and serve” over “come and see”. These missional philosophies call for social justice, an old-new concept (old to mainline traditions and new to evangelistic traditions), and question the worth of the mega churches that previous movements created.

-Lin Wilson

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- What are some of the key needs of the church today?
- What do you think are some of the key needs of the church of tomorrow?

When generations look back at what we've done - what will they say about the actions we've taken here today?



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