

Study Guide

Building Blocks of the Church

Chapter 2.

Questions for Discussion

Church Growth Movement (CGM)

1. The most prolific incarnations of the CGM are the “Seeker-sensitive” and “Purpose Driven” models? Do these models contradict any Biblical principles? If so, which?
2. What are the differences between the Protestant Reformation and the New Apostolic Reformation?
3. What are the dangers of an over-emphasis on a single leader?
4. The word “new” is very important in post-modern churches. What are the implications of this term with regards to God’s plan for the church?
5. What are the differences between the Bible’s teaching on giving, money and tithing and the teaching of the CGM and many modern churches?
6. Many strange, supernatural phenomena have become commonplace in many churches. Many of these phenomena have no precedent in the New Testament. Is that a problem? Please give reasons for your reply. (See p31)

7. Are large numbers a sign of God's blessing and approval? Look at Judges 7:4-7, 1Samuel 14:6, Acts 1:15, 2:41, 4:4, Philippians 2:19-21, Colossians 4:11 and 2Timothy 1:15
8. Does the end justify the means in order to grow the size of the church?
9. What is the difference between "the Lord adding to the church" and people being "assimilated" into the church?

The House Church Movement

1. Where did churches in the New Testament meet?
2. Does the NT prescribe where churches must meet? Give references.
3. What are the advantages and disadvantages of a church meeting in a house?
4. When is a church too big?
5. When is a church too small?

Additional resources

1. Articles by Anton Bosch:
 - a. Please entertain us
 - b. Get your ticket to heaven
 - c. Money, microphones and manipulation
 - d. What is a true church?
 - e. The rich, poor church
 - f. The biggest church