

I Go To Church

Attractional Church

Church is seen as dispenser of religious goods and services

Focus is on getting people to “come to church”

Model is based on Christendom where people are basically Christian and just need to be woken up!

We Are The Church

Missional Church

Gathered life equips and forms us for mission

Engaged with each other and neighbors more deeply

Weaknesses of the Attractional Model

A. The attractional model does not take formation seriously enough in a culture pulling us in so many directions OR foster a thick enough shared life or common practices through which the Spirit transforms us.

B. The attractional model equips people more for tasks for Sunday morning and less for missional living. (This is not to devalue gathered worship. Instead, we should ask how our worship and other daily/weekly common practices form us to share in God's life and mission in the world).

C. The attractional model does not lead us to engage neighbors or neighborhood issues deeply.

D. The attractional model does not lead us to participate in addressing societal or systemic powers which inhibit the coming of God's kingdom such as widening inequality, racism or human induced climate change.

Oh what a year we have had.....

EVENT

Covid-19

Racial Tensions

Political Tensions

ADDICTION TO....

Church-Centric Models

Affinity Oriented

**Allegiance to Systems of
World**

Four decisions we face as a Leaders:

1. Is this an opportunity? ... Is God using Covid *“for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purposes”*?

- If “Yes” - I thank Him, focusing on opportunities the Spirit is providing:
 - to be renewed & refreshed as His people.
 - to be challenged & equipped to follow Him better.
 - to be clothed by Christ in a time of fear & uncertainty.
 - If “No” - I focus on enduring through the storm until we can carry on as before.
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*Could Covid be God's answer
to our prayer for revival?*

Four decisions we face as a Leaders:

2. How can we create engagement that connects people?

- Connects people with Jesus.
- Connects people with Jesus' Community.
- Connects people with Jesus' mission.

*Am I focussing on delivering Content
or creating Connection?*



Four decisions we face as a Leaders:

3. Can the constraints of Covid assist in shifting from Cathedral-centric to House-Church centric permanently?

- What does this imply?
- What does this require?
- Why “*permanent*”?

What will this require our leaders and congregation to understand moving forward?

Four decisions we face as a Leaders:

4. If Covid is creating permanent shifts in our culture?

- Will ministries designed to attract others to our community be successful anymore?
- Will we shift to embed our people into what our community is already doing?

*Should the church become minimalist
in our ministries?*

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Church-Centric Models

Shift to Theo-Centric

Practices to Pay Attention

Affinity Oriented

Shift to Listening to Others

Caring for the Poor

Allegiance to Systems of World

Shift to Kingdom of God,

Jesus is Lord,

"Teaching them to obey"

Prepare vs. Wait - Some Questions to Explore NOW

- 1. How can we develop a thicker shared life and common practices (such as prayer, listening, caring for the least) during Covid-19?**
- 2. How might we get to know our immediate neighbors better now in a way that will enable us to welcome them into our lives more deeply post-Covid-19?**
- 3. How might we use our building and land for greater purpose after Covid-19?**
- 4. What issues can we start talking about now that we might address in a deeper way post Covid-19? E.g. housing, community meals, unemployment, reconciliation**

