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## MISSIONAL COMMUNITY: THE FOUNDATIONS OF MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

### Quotes

"I roam around the country and persecute Christian leaders around the theme of missional community."

"In some parts of the world, the church is growing so fast they don't have time for evangelism."

"There is a Pentecost going on in the world every single hour."

"We, in the United States, are in the backwaters of the Christian movement in the world."

"Are we looking for and seeing Jesus?"

### Notes

God seems to be up to something that's bigger than us. And it seems to be a shift in the conversation of how the church sees itself and the world.

The church, world-wide, is exploding. In fact, the church is booming in many countries around the world. The one place that it's not exploding is here in the United States. The ones with all the resources are sometimes seeing the least return.

The missional church is about discovering where God already is working and bringing it home. In this instance, how is God working in other countries and applying it here.

What happens when we 'flip the lenses'?

1. The church needs to move from a 'what' to a 'who'. Don't talk about the church as an 'it', but an 'I'. I am the church.
2. We need to stop seeing the church as a destination, and start seeing it as a connector. The church is life-centric/people-centric.
3. The church needs to embrace an incarnational element. We need to be 'not in the church, but in the community'.
4. The church needs to measure the impact beyond us. It's not how many we have, but how many we haven't reached yet.

If we will have the courage to look for a world where the impact of what we do is beyond us, then it might be said one day that this generation of American leaders was the greatest generation of leaders ever.

### Links

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Reggie McNeal's most recent book:

[\*Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard in the Church\*](#)