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## SESSION 3: THE DANGEROUS CHURCH IN 2020

### Quotes

“The global church is exploding. God is moving in incredible ways, like never before in the history of humanity. Just not here. We’re at the center of what we consider to be the center of Christianity, we’ve got everything, and we can’t jump start it.”

“To make disciples is what we have been called to do - not plant churches, not make converts - but make disciples.”

“If we would follow the Great Commission we would see the world turned upside down.”

“We need to engage the world. God is going to do it with or without you. Your only responsibility is obedience.”

### Selected Books by Bob Roberts

- [\*The Multiplying Church: The New Math for Starting New Churches\*](#)
- [\*Glocalization: How Followers of Jesus Engage a Flat World\*](#)
- [\*Transformation: How Glocal Churches Transform Lives and the World\*](#)

### Notes

Refers to Matthew 28:18-20, and the command to make disciples. What kind of disciple? [1] abandonment to Christ (Galatians 2:20), [2] obedience.

All people groups live within a society that’s made up of domains, e.g.: governance, education, economics, agriculture, communication, arts-entertainment, science-technology, and social.

In our western context, the progression generally is:

Gospel -> preacher -> church -> society

In Acts and the East, the progression generally is:

Gospel -> disciple -> society -> church

If we want movement and multiplication we have to get the order right.

What we need to learn from the church in the global east and the global south:

1. The focus is first on the Holy Spirit - not nearly as much on the pragmatics.
2. The Word of God is viewed first as a book to be obeyed and a manual for discipleship and following Jesus - more than a book of propositional truth and theological systems.
3. They are “missionaries” from day one. They value the Sons of Ishmael as much as the sons of Isaac.
4. They don't debate the issue of church “models.” They value all expressions of the church be it house, building, factory or whatever.
5. There is the integration of faith and life in all dimensions. Being a disciple is not just about the Sunday event for them.
6. They live their faith out in the context of the theology of the Kingdom of God. That means the reconciliation of individuals, but also of “all things.”
7. They live more by faith than by dollars, technology, or material things that we as mega-church pastors in the west would consider as necessary.
8. They are inspired by living saints versus old heroes dead for generations.
9. They listen and respect us - even though the church as a whole in the west is not growing or as impactful as they are.

### Links

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