



1: Big church/ Small church intro

Episode Notes

Thanks for joining the *Big Church/Small Church Podcast*. The word “church” is not about a location or a building. It is about a people. In this episode, we will relearn what it means to be the church, recognize the challenges of reaching people for God, and learn key strategies that will help you to connect and reach lost people.

1. Relearning the word “church”

The early church saw itself as a people, the body of Christ. The key to mission and to building the church is relationships. Church is not a location, building, or structure. The old strategy of mission is to build a building and people will come.

2. Avoid costly mistakes

It is unlikely that people without faith will walk through your church doors. Time, energy, and money could be spent on building relationships instead of on the overhead of facilities. Relationships are God’s plan for reaching new people.

3. Small church

Small church is a way to worship God in spaces outside of the church walls. It is an organic group that meets to worship God through the week. It is not a worship service. Church should meet where unchurched people meet.

4. Big church

Big church is a worship service and still important for teaching, singing, and sharing God stories (testimonies). This is important for equipping and sending trained disciples.

Discussion Questions

1. Look through the Gospels. Where did Jesus meet people? What kind of people did He meet?
2. Where do people hang out where you live? Is there a social meeting place? (ex. home, coffee shop, gym, bar, etc.)
3. How can you bridge Christian friendships with people who don’t have faith?
4. Who is your team? Who are the Christians who would join you for a midweek church to reach new people?