

Fishing with Nets not Poles: The Power of Micro-expressions of church

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What is your image of fishing





What is your image of evangelism?





What was Jesus' image of fishing





Agenda

Main Session #1 – What are Micro-Churches
and Why should we use them?

Breakout #1 – How do we build and deploy
Micro-churches in our congregation



Christendom up to 1950s

- The culture was built around the life and rhythm of the church
- People went to their denominational church for years, and if they moved, they found another ---- church.
- The cultural norms were similar to Christian norms



Church Growth Movement 1970-2010

- Boomers were coming back to church but they didn't have denominational loyalty and so they looked for churches that met their needs.
- The assumption was people will want to go to church if they just find the right one.



Post-Christendom/Missional

- People don't have the Christian story
- They might have a disdain for Christianity
- The culture is increasingly divergent from Biblical norms.
- The church spend more time deploying people for ministry than drawing people into the ministry.



Don Everts 5 Thresholds

- Trusting a Christian
- Becoming Curious
- Open to change
- Seeking after God
- Entering the Kingdom

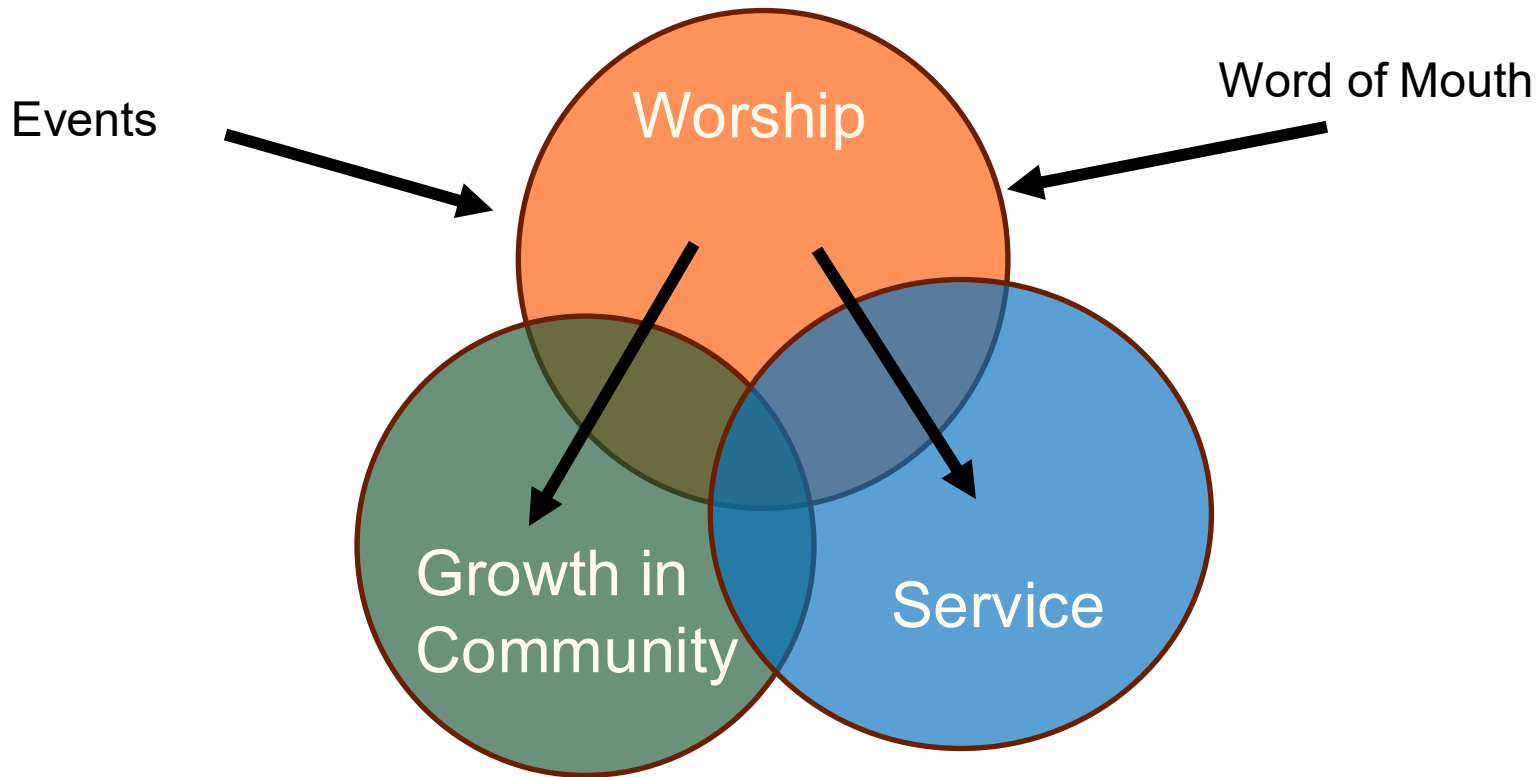


Tim Kellers Mini-Decisions

- Awareness – I see it
- Relevance – I need it
- Credibility – I need it because its true
- Trial – I see what it would be like
- Commitment – I take it
- Reinforcement – Now I get it



Attractional Model of Church





What are the Challenges with the Attractional Model?

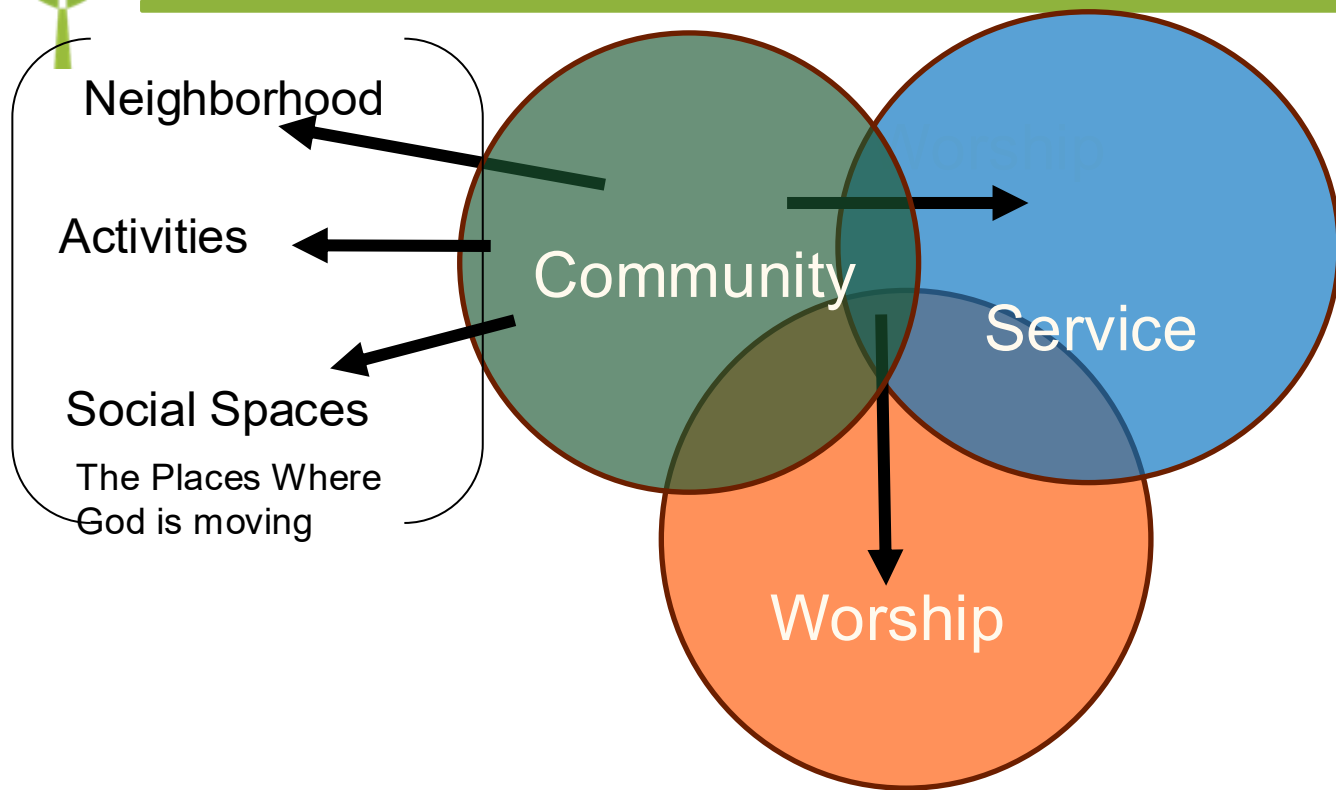


What are the Challenges with the Attractional Model

- If we win them with consumerism we keep them with consumerism.
- Very challenging to move people from worship to the other spaces.
- A decreasing proportion of people can be reached that way.



Missional Model of Church





What are the Advantages with the
Missional Model?



What are the Advantages of the Missional Model

- Reaches people who wouldn't come into church
- It allows for greater intentional discipleship
- People can belong before they believe
- It can be very inexpensive
- Unleashes people in their gifting



Definition of Church

- The Church Universal
- A Denomination or Network
- A Local Congregation
- A Micro-Church (a group of individuals sent on mission)



Micro-Church 2.0502

The Church exists wherever two or more are gathered in the name of Jesus. Therefore, it is appropriate to celebrate sacraments in these smaller units.... If an officer has been commissioned by the session to lead these groups in mission or ministry and has been appropriately trained, he or she shall be authorized to administer the sacraments in these communities.



Micro-Church Definition

A group of individuals that is committed to the DNA of Church. (This is the ecclesiastical minimum)

- Divine Worship
- Nurturing Relationship
- Apostolic Mission to a people or place

In our polity this operates under the authority of session and head of staff. Usually reaching people that wouldn't be reached by the established congregation.



Micro-Church Examples

- Mary and Gary
- Darren and Kate
- Norma
- Kathy Risley
- Soma Community of Churches (Dope Church and Microsoft Executives)
- KC Underground



Spaces for Transformation

- Public – 50 plus people forward facing
- Social – 20-50 people multiple casual interactions
- Personal – 6-12 One unified conversation no physical movement.
- Intimate – 3-4 people deep sharing
- Divine – Me and God

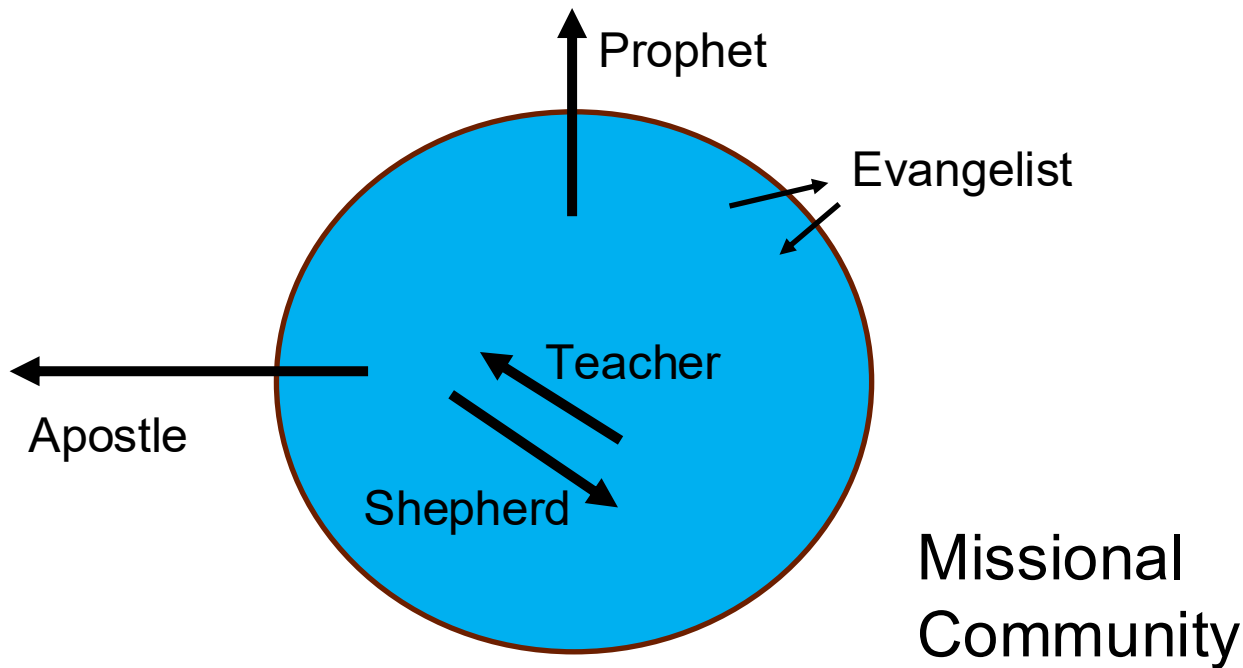


How might spaces be used

- Public – Used at the time of corporate worship
- Social – Interactions with believers and non-believers in a social environment that has a Christian ethos.
- Personal – Best for teaching either skeptic bible study or deeper teaching/training for Christians.
- Intimate – Discipleship Triads for believers for deeper sharing, connection and accountability



Net Fishing - Ephesians 4:11-12 in Micro-Church for Evangelism





What does it take to start a missional movement

- A passion for the lost Luke 9:35-38
- A deep draw to pray
- A willingness to see Kingdom Growth more than Church Growth.
- An ability to let go of control and empower others.
- Changing the social contract of covenant partners.
- Release people from programs



Resources

- Together on Mission – Dana, Jim, David
- Flesh – by Hugh Halter
- Tangible Kingdom Primer - Hugh and Matt Smay
- KC underground (kcunderground.org) Resources

Q&A