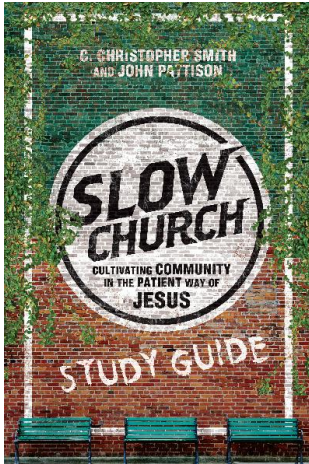




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*Slow Church Study Guide*

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## Continuing the *Slow Church* Revolution

*"Publishing a book can feel a lot like preparing a meal without knowing precisely who or how many people will show up, what will bring them or if they will like the food when they taste it. You spend one or two years cooking, likely with a particular kind of guest in mind, trying to be faithful to the ingredients, your tools, your vision and your work. You set the table and send out invitations, and on the day the banquet is ready – release day – you open wide your doors and wait. It's only when the guests start arriving that you begin to get a sense of what they think about what you prepared. You talk to them about the meal and listen to them discuss it with each other. Trust us when we say that the conversation makes it all worthwhile. In fact, it can be thrilling!"*

*"When Slow Church was first released, we really didn't know what to expect. What happened next has been humbling and surprising and delightful. Slow Church has ended up in college classrooms and on the required reading list of major seminaries. It's been published in the United Kingdom and Australia, and there is now a Korean-language version. We've shared the stage with the leadership of Slow Food and Slow Money, and talked about Slow Church at conferences and in churches, living rooms and backyards around North America. A number of early articles and reviews speculated about a 'Slow Church Movement,' but our goal has never been to build a movement, only to foster a conversation. However, we see that something is stirring in the church as communities of Jesus followers long to be more faithfully rooted in the place and pace of their neighborhoods.*

*"Much of the Slow Church conversation is happening in small groups, which is fitting. We hope this study guide fulfills the numerous requests we have received for an expanded version of the discussion questions included in the book."*

So write Chris Smith and John Pattison in their new companion to their bestselling book *Slow Church*. This new study guide provides an opportunity to begin to develop a deeper and richer community where people know each other well and love one another as Christ loved the church.

*Slow Church*, praised by *Publishers Weekly*, *Relevant Magazine*, *Sojourners*, *Themelios*, *Presbyterian Outlook* and many others as one of the most groundbreaking books of its time, aims to be a starting point for a new revolution in the way we do church. This new study guide provides the tools for helping that revolution come to fruition.

*"Slow Church is a manifesto and handbook rolled into one,"* writes Leslie Leyland Fields in her review in *Christianity Today*. *"Unlike most manifestos, it is beautifully written, blending historical analysis, personal narrative, and scriptural exegesis into prose that is languid,*

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*"The internet providers have persuaded us that 'fast' is better – about everything. As a result, 'slow' is a deeply subversive, countercultural notion in a culture of 'fast.' This thoughtful, discerning book advocates 'slow' in faith and in life. This advocacy is a recognition that faith is a practice of relational fidelity that cannot be reduced to contractual or commodity transaction. The authors ponder and reflect on this summons with both pastoral sensitivity and missional passion. Readers eager for an evangelically paced life will pay close attention to this advocacy."*

– **Walter Brueggemann,**  
Columbia Theological  
Seminary

incisive, and eloquent. It reads like what it is: the long, patient fruit of two men deeply rooted in a particular place, among neighbors they know, love, and serve. . . . No matter the size of our church body or the kind of neighborhood we live in, we would all do well to slow down and examine ourselves in the clearest light available – the light of history, the light of Scripture, and the light of Christ himself – rather than the fluorescent light of business models and burger joints. Make haste, then. Run, do not walk, to your favorite bookstore, buy a copy, and set your church table for a feast."