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*The Church as Movement:
Starting and Sustaining
Missional-Incarnational
Communities*

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Starting a Viral Church Movement

The Western church is steadily drifting into irrelevance for the wider culture – but this can change. In *The Church as Movement*, JR Woodward, author of *Creating a Missional Culture*, and Dan White Jr. explain how to plant vibrant churches that “reflect the viral movement of the early New Testament.”

In this workbook, church planters learn eight key competencies needed for starting and sustaining both missional and incarnational congregations. These include disciple making, missional theology, ecclesial architecture, community formation and polycentric leadership. Accompanied by visuals and reflection and application questions, this book makes missional theory practical for those wanting to start churches that are “place-based, discipleship-focused, community-forming and movement-oriented in approach.”

The vision of church as movement is a corrective for appearance-focused and resource-accumulating churches. Rather than basing a church’s success on the size of their building, the church as movement is about “developing structures and systems that catapult people into mission, where reproducing discipleship groups, missional communities, churches and networks of churches is a natural part of the DNA.”



– Figure 8.4 taken from chapter eight,
“Incarnational Practices”

The training provided in *The Church as Movement* comes from Woodward and White’s experience working with church planters across the United States. Woodward (MA, Fuller Theological Seminary) is a church planter, activist, missiologist and the national director for church planting with V3, a missional church planting movement. White also works at V3 as a consultant and missional coach. He co-leads Axiom Church, a developing network of missional communities in the urban neighborhoods of Syracuse, New York. He also co-founded the Praxis Gathering and is the author of *Subterranean: Why the Future of the Church is Rootedness*.

Tim Soerens, cofounder and director of the Parish Collective and coauthor of *The New Parish*, writes, “If you want to see the church through a radically different lens and recover the vision of how ordinary Christians working together in the neighborhood can become the greatest hope for change in these fractured and fragmented times, then this book is your guide.”

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