

Book Synopsis: Introducing the Missional Church: What it Is, Why It Matters, How to Become One by Alan Roxburgh and M. Scott Boren

1. **Attractional Church** (p.18).
 - Church is about an event and about getting people to attend the event.
 - Expectation that church will provide spiritual goods and services that will help them lead better lives.
 - Church plays limited role in speaking to spiritual life.
 - Becomes the default for congregations seeking get people into church as primary focus.
 - Shuts down the transformational capacity of the missional
 - Quest for the measurable, countable certainty, information-driven (p.58)

2. **Missional Church** (p.20)
 - “it is not the church of God that has a mission. It’s the God of mission that has a church.”
 - It invites us to turn toward our neighborhoods, listening first to what is happening among people and learning to ask different questions about what God is up to in the neighborhood.
 - No predetermined model.
 - The Missional Imagination=Mystery+ Memory+ Mission (p.40)
 - On mission to engage God’s people in the neighborhood
 - Renewed dialogue with Scripture and letting Scripture speak through serious dialogue with the cultural context (p.85)
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3. **Missional Church is not:** (p.31)
 - Same as multi-cultural church
 - Same as outreach program church
 - Same as evangelism-focused church
 - About vision, mission, purpose finding church
 - About trying to turn outdated church into relevant church
 - About creating church that will attract people who are not traditional
 - The emergent, liquid, postmodern, or creative church
 - About doing church in a better way
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4. **Missiology** (p. 87)
 - Entering and Listening to One’s Context (pp. 87-90)
 - Church becomes attentive to neighborhood through direct involvement—entering th neighborhood and hanging out
 - Attending to values and meanings underlying the “surface activities” of the neighborhood.
 - Reading Scripture through eyes of the neighborhood
 - Theology (p.91-100)

5. **The Missional Change Model** (pp. 133)

AWARENESS→UNDERSTANDING→EVALUATE→EXPERIMENT→COMMITMENT (p.136)

- **Leadership Role** (pp. 137-140)
- AWARENESS,UNDERSTANDING,EVALUATE,EXPERIMENT,COMMITMENT (defined) (pp. 141-146)

- **AWARENESS STAGE** (p.147)

- **UNDERSTANDING STAGE** (p. 157)

- **EVALUATION STAGE** (p.163)

- **Adjudicatory Role** (pp. 173-179)
 - Adjudicatory as initiator, facilitator, partner and nurturer of congregational experimentation. (p.174)
 - Sponsor workshop on **“What Is Missional Church?”** (p.175)

- **EXPERIMENT STAGE** (p.181)

- **COMMITMENT** (p.191)