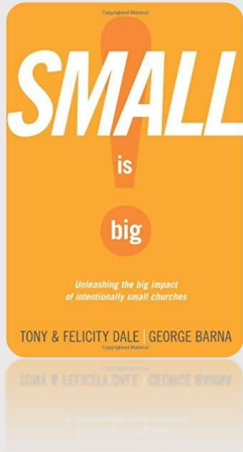


One Page Book



Title:

Small is Big

Sub-Title:

Unleashing the Big Impact of Intentionally Small Churches

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Synopsis:

This book offers keys to leveraging the power of the small, and “being” the church rather than just “growing” the church.

- ⇒ Apart from one reference to Paul teaching in the school of Tyrannus, every mention of church is in reference to a group of people meeting in their homes.
- ⇒ The old systems get broken long before new ones become stable. Could it be that we are actually on an epic journey, a glorious adventure with a God who will not be confined to our predictable boxes?
- ⇒ “A growing number of people are leaving the institutional church for a new reason. They are not leaving because they have lost faith. They are leaving the church to preserve their faith.” The phenomenon that is occurring in front of our eyes is a rebirthing of the church—God is taking an event-based institution and re-forming it so that it is becoming life and relationship-based.
- ⇒ No longer tied to special buildings, simple church is spilling over into homes, businesses, college campuses, and coffee shops—anywhere life occurs. The focus is no longer on professionals and programs, but rather on enabling every-member ministry.
- ⇒ Perhaps one of the most notable features of this re-formation is the understanding that ordinary people can be trusted to listen to God and respond to His leading.
- ⇒ There is no location, no city or town to which one can travel to find the center of this movement. There is no superstar whose conferences we can attend.
- ⇒ To put it simply, simple churches allow ordinary men and women today to “be the church.” This is not a political revolution but a shift in spiritual understanding with the power to transform society.
- ⇒ **Liquid church** happens when we stop inviting others to come to church and instead we go out into every sphere of society as the Lord leads. We reach out to our neighbors or our coworkers, and instead of asking them to come to church, we get together with those people right where they live or work.
- ⇒ Never have enough structure that it can survive without the active input of the Holy Spirit.
- ⇒ God wants His church back. Enough of man-made programs and plans; simple church is all about Jesus!
- ⇒ If simple church is all about following Jesus, then one of our foundational skills has to be an ability to hear from God.
- ⇒ Reformation occurs when the whole body, individually and corporately, learns to know God in a deep and impacting way, recognizing His voice when He speaks to us. Ordinary people are hearing God’s voice, going out into the marketplace, and seeing God work in unusual ways.