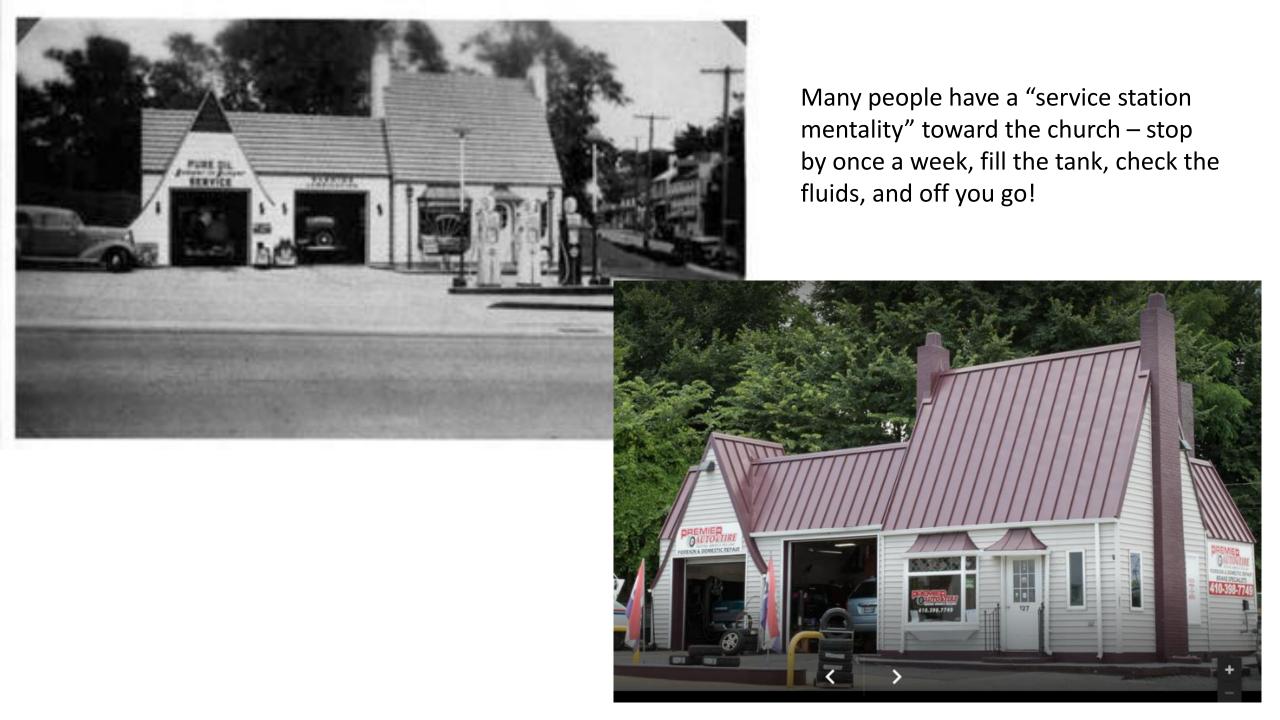
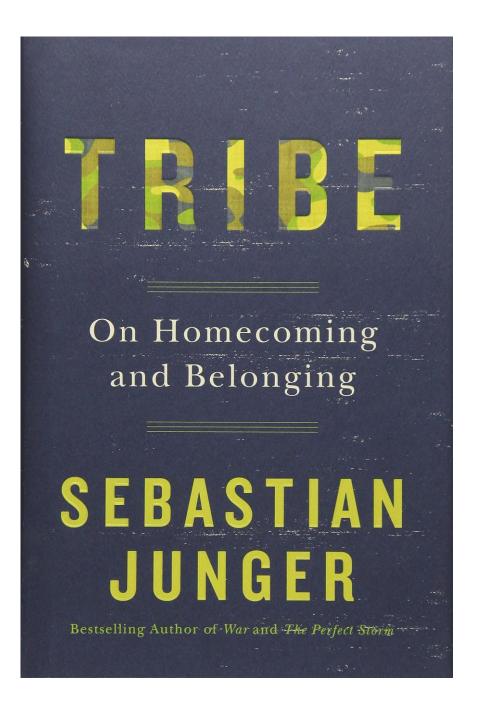
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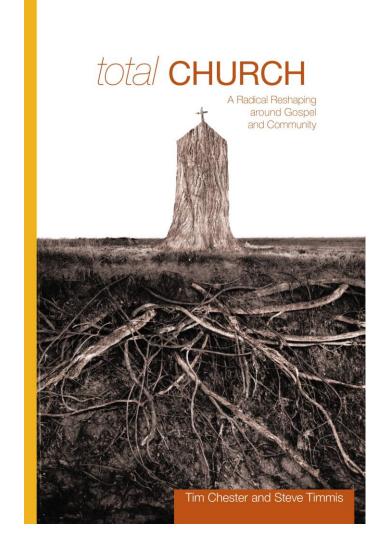


Until the modern era, society was founded on the "tribe mentality" – a close knit, interdependent community that you lived with, fought with, and worked with. This is a picture of the biblical design for the church community.

Jesus radically redefines family, tribe, and community:

"And he answered them, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking about at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother.'"

- Mark 3:33-35



"Our identity as human beings is found in community. Our identity as Christians is found in Christ's new community."

"We are not saved individually and then choose to join the church as if it were some club or support group. Christ died for his people, and we are saved when by faith we become part of the people for whom Christ died."

"The invitation implicit in [the Gospel story] is not simply to an individual relationship with God (though that is one implication). The invitation is to become part of the new people of God, the bride of Christ." While the Gospel is about our individual salvation, there is a communal aspect to Christ's work as well. We are saved into community as a part of God's people, God's tribe.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy."

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"For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

– Galatians 6:8-10



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"I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth."

- I Timothy 3:14-15

Obstacles

- 1. American Individualism
- 2. An Over-Emphasis on Personal Salvation
- 3. The Busyness of Modern Life
- 4. Superficial Relationships
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- 6. A Strong Home Life
- 7. Past Hurt in the Church

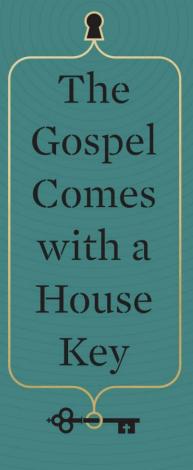


Guidance

- 1. Be willing to grow in your understanding of biblical community.
- 2. Be willing to make an investment in the household of faith.
- 3. Ask God to change your heart.
- 4. Do good to everyone, especially those in the household of faith.
- 5. Take initiative to invest in specific relationships.
- 6. Be purposeful to connect with those who are not like you.
- 7. Open up your home.



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