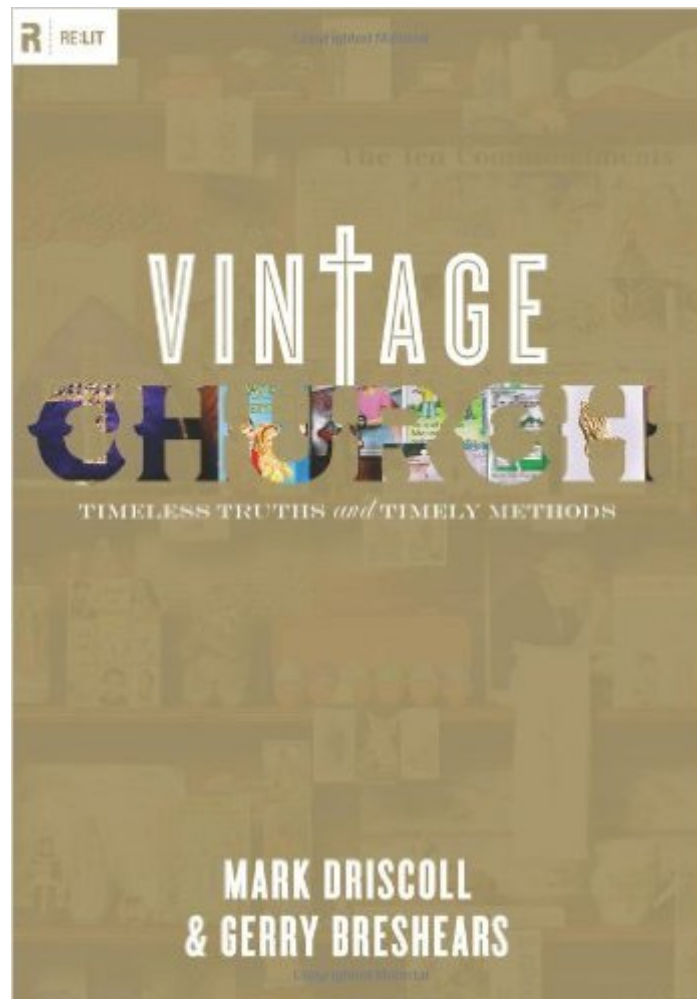


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Vintage Church: Timeless Truths And Timely Methods (Re:Lit:Vintage Jesus)



Synopsis

Defines a biblical church as one that properly balances the eternal truths of Scripture with timely, relevant methods designed to engage the culture. The book in the popular Re:Lit series picks up where Vintage Jesus leaves off, beginning with a focus on the person and work of Jesus and then exploring the confessional, experiential, and missional aspects of his church. This study grows out of the vintage concept of taking timeless truths from Scripture-truths about church leadership, preaching, baptism, communion, and more-and blending them with aspects of contemporary culture, such as multi-campus churches and the latest forms of technology, to reach people with the gospel. While Vintage Church is helpful for pastors and church leaders, it is the kind of book you could hand to someone who has questions about ecclesiology but finds the very term ecclesiology intimidating. The authors put forth twelve practical questions about church doctrine and answer them in clear, biblical language that lay people and new believers can understand.

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Much is made about the Church, why it exists in its different forms, and where it is inevitably heading. Driscoll and Breshears tackle this and much more in this book. They start with the foundation of the Church (Jesus) and move out to ecclesiology, methodology, love, discipline, sacraments, and technology. At first, I felt as though the book was an apologetic or defense against George Barna's book Pagan Christianity, a book which does a fine job at undermining the Church and causing division amongst God's people. This book would make a great text for any serious

church planter or seminary student. Every chapter is fully fleshed out well and they leave very few stones unturned. Since I have started pastoring (is "pastoring a word?") a church, I have thought things like; "they do not teach you that in Bible College." This book teaches you the things Bible Colleges leave out. In case you may have missed a point, at the end of each chapter is a question and answer session to help further the discussion and put a seal on anything that might not have been explained well in the preceding pages. That is one of two points I really found where the book could use improvement. There were many pages in which the point felt over-explained. As I was reading through it, I couldn't help but think to myself, "I got the point, let's move on." I know there are some out there who take longer to get the point or who like to have things explained as thoroughly as possible, but those people are not me. The second nitpick I had (and this truly is a nitpick) was the assumption that churches had the same resources as Mars Hill (Mark's church) has in regards to technology and programmers. I think of the struggles I have had with my own church's website and I am a programmer.

It is very appropriate and timely for Mark Driscoll and Gerry Breshears to release a book on church ministry. Driscoll has become a bit of a model for young church planters through his Acts 29 network and various conference appearances. Therefore, a consolidated 'volume' if you will is welcomed. As with previous books from the authors' pens Vintage Church is intensely practical. Mars Hill Church in Seattle is the reoccurring lab of reference for church ministry. This is extremely helpful in a book like this seeing that it gives a lot of flesh and bones to the biblical priorities outlined. If you were critical of some of Driscoll's previous books due to language or questionable references (as I was with Vintage Jesus) you will have little to complain about here. From my perspective this is the type of product that really quiets and encourages sincere critics who want to see Driscoll's work used greatly in the church. If you are a Driscoll hater, well, he couldn't do or say much that would ever satisfy you. The writing style remains engaging, biblical, funny, and real; which are all virtues from Driscoll's pen. One of the main strengths of the book is the way in which the authors tackle weighty ecclesiastical issues without flinching. Chapters like, Who is Supposed to Lead a Church?, Why is Preaching Important?, What is Church Discipline?, and What is a Missional Church? are not necessarily soft chapters. The authors deal with the issues biblically and tactfully. And this is where I find real encouragement in this book. This book will be read by thousands of young church planters over the next decade.

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