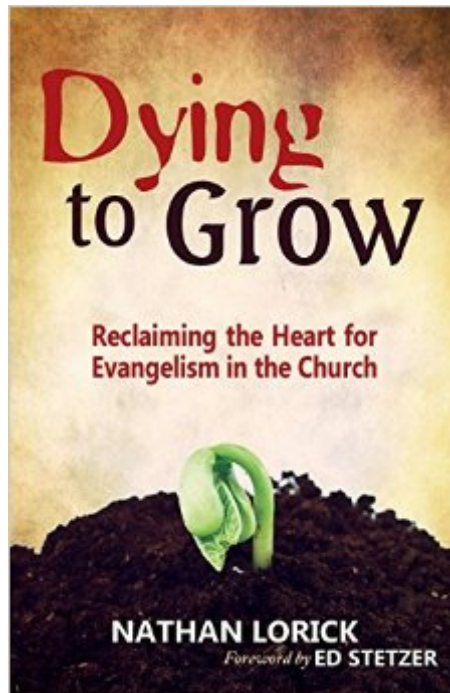


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Dying To Grow: Reclaiming The Heart For Evangelism In The Church



Synopsis

Never before have we seen the church degenerate at such a rapid pace. This is largely due to the church pursuing congregational growth instead of kingdom growth. The church is dying because our growth isn't based on strategies to reach the lost with the gospel. The time to change is now, we can't wait any longer. People's eternities are at stake. What is your church's priority? Are you more concerned with filling your building or furthering the Kingdom? This book will challenge you to evaluate just how important gospel-based evangelism is to you and your church, and call on you to restore an intentional evangelism strategy within the body. Hell will tremble when churches once again make evangelism the central theme of their strategy. Endorsements

Nathan Lorick abandons mere conjecture and focuses on reality! Dying to Grow is the work of a gifted writer who has hammered out the principles of effective evangelism on the anvil of his own life. In an era that calls for a renewed sense of urgency to reach others for Christ, this book will lay soul winning at the front door of your heart. Tom Elliff President, International Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention Church leaders are desperate for help – looking for clarity and vision. Reading this book will make you feel like you are talking with someone who understands this struggle. Nathan challenges you to see how a Kingdom focus can bring fresh life to your personal walk and church. Al Gilbert Vice President, Evangelism North American Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention I love what my friend Nathan Lorick is saying: “This book is a simple and concise challenge to abandon the desire for church growth and to embrace the heart of growing Christ's Kingdom.” Such a shift demonstrates both a biblical reality and a present need. Such a shift will free pastors from the bondage of performance and yet lead to effective ministry. This helpful book will encourage, inspire, and convict! • Alvin L. Reid, Ph.D. Professor of Evangelism and Student Ministry/Bailey Smith Chair of Evangelism Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary If your church is “Dying to Grow”, then you need to take this book seriously. Dr. Nathan Lorick writes from the heart of a Pastor, because that is where he cut his spiritual teeth in ministry. Trust me, the lessons in this book were not contrived in an ivory tower by an out-of-touch academician, rather they were learned (sometimes painfully!) in the day-to-day trenches of real ministry! I strongly encourage you to read carefully, then apply plentifully! David A. Wheeler, Ph.D. Professor of Evangelism, NAMB Field Missionary, & Director of Center for Ministry Training Liberty University We are living in a time when the gospel has become the greatest story never told. A time when we are giving our first-class loyalties to third-class causes. A time when we fill our lives with good things to the exclusion of the best things. A time when evangelism is no longer the obsession of our lives. In a time like this, it is refreshing to hear the voice of one who exists for evangelism as fire exists for

burning. Thank God for Nathan Lorick and this book *Dying to Grow*. I wholeheartedly and enthusiastically recommend that you read this work. Charles Roesel Pastor Emeritus, First Baptist Church of Leesburg, FL

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Customer Reviews

Alright, let me start by getting the legal stuff out-of-the-way. I was provided a complimentary copy of this title, in order to provide a review. As we see churches growing larger and larger, we should be excited right? I agree with the author of *œDying To Grow*. Larger doesn't necessarily mean better. If you believe that Church exists to bring the lost to Christ, then church growth is only good growth, when it consists of new converts. If we are only moving from congregation to congregation, then we are not really growing the church. The author expresses a bit of a frustration with Pastors that will make church growth their first priority. That is just not the right way to look at things. Jesus said if he was lifted up that he would draw all men onto himself. Churches should focus on lifting up Christ first. God will take care about the growth. He points out that the growth may not be as fast as pastors may like, but it will be the good growth of lost souls coming to Jesus. Churches need to be intentional about their Gospel focus. What he really lays out in this book is a cultural change. This is an excellent book for a pastor to move his church toward an outward focus for growth. He dispels a lot of myths that pastor may believe about their Churches. He also gives advice on how to approach and deal with people who may not necessarily catch the pastor's vision. When looking at the ministry of the local church, you have to ask yourself, for what reason does it exist. Does it exist for

the benefit for believers, or should it serve as a lighthouse in a lost and dying world? I would agree with the author that the main purpose of the church is to take the gospel to people in desperate need of a Saviour. Churches and Pastors need to be intentional and focused on this goal. This book provides valuable tips and advice to make that cultural change in the local church.

Nathan Lorick writes with a pastor's heart for the local church. His passion is very Pauline in nature and his writing contains that passion very clearly. Evangelism is needed as the forefront of making disciples within the local church. Lorick is not advocating for the removal of church programs or ministries - but is putting his chips in the aspect that evangelism is lacking within those ministries. So much of the local church is generally for the local church and not for those outside the local church. What would happen if that trend reversed and we reached out before we reached in? You'll find not just the answer to that question in *Dying to Grow*, but you'll also find out why & how that must take place. This book is written for church leaders and ministry leaders and comes delivered from a man who has and is serving on the front lines with you. Lorick isn't a guru who bases everything on research from behind a desk, but has experience and the marks to prove it. The book is an easy read and very clear in presentation. You won't get bogged down in theological jargon, but will find each page worth turning to. Thanks to BookCrash in exchange for an unbiased review. The above opinions are this reader's own thoughts.

What is your church's priority? Are you more concerned with filling your building or furthering the Kingdom? This book will challenge you to evaluate just how important gospel-based evangelism is to you and your church, and call on you to restore an intentional evangelism strategy within the body. Hell will tremble when churches once again make evangelism the central theme of their strategy. I like how the author relates the dying church to a cancerous situation, we have sat back and let the church slowly die. What can we do to reclaim the church in the book of Acts? That is the question that the author is writing to us about in this book. It's not filling the benches in the church, it comes down to filling the people and their hearts with God's word. It isn't how big a church you have, but how faithful you are in delivering God's word and the gospel to each person. This is a great book for any leader in the church, from pastor to lay leader!

Nathan Lorick has written a great book on evangelism. the subtitle on the cover says it all "Reclaiming the heart for evangelism in the church. As a pastor I am on the look out for resources to motivate my people to go out and make disciples of all nations. I found the right resource right

here. This book is all about the heart of the local church to go out and evangelize the lost. This is not a book on the latest fad or strategy. The church has lost its way and has been ingrown for too long, but authors like Lorick has a heart for evangelism and it shows in his writing. You will cheer out loud as you read this book and with the help of God your heart will beat faster for evangelism and your love for God. You can pick up a copy of this book at Dying Reclaiming Heart Evangelism Church ebook! I received this book for free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review from bookcrash. I thank them for this book and I highly recommend Dying to Grow by Nathan Lorick

Would encourage everyone to read this - Easy to read - yet deep. Love the way the author points us to Moses and how He was God's great servant - and how God Loved Moses - because he always prayed even for his enemy. Encouraged me to love and pray even for my enemy. Points us back to the basics back to bible and on our knees.

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