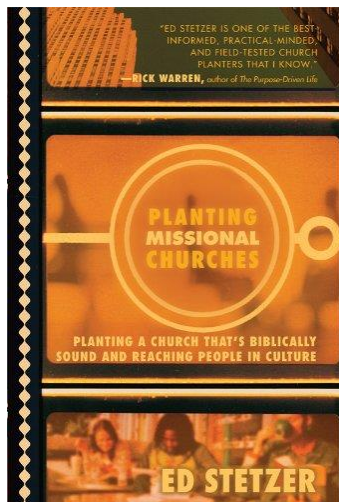


Rural Mission: Insights from a Rural Church Planter

Rural Mission is written to help Christians see the specific nuance of carrying out the Great Commission in a rural setting. This book provides some practical tips about the beautiful simplicity of rural ministry. Doing simple ministry to reach simple folks in your rural setting will help you reach the lost in your town as well as start new discipleship ministries. The advice is deeply practical and applicable for pastors, church planters, and any Christian who is serious about reaching folks in a small town or rural setting. Religious undertones and the warm hospitality of many rural places make them easy places for ministry, primed for the gospel. We just need to get to work at this rural mission. And it can't just be preachers. It needs to be all of us. Rural places lend themselves to isolated cultures and each of those cultures need biblically rooted missional strategies. Every unique subculture presents a variation of ministry strategy, but at the root of every missional strategy should lie biblical principles, centered on an unchanging gospel. The roots and remnants of religion that still remain

in many rural places create some of the most wonderful opportunities for ministry. But these opportunities are quickly disappearing. Today's generation must be won to Christ before religious traditionalism and false Christian identity take many to hell.



Planting Missional Churches: Planting A Church That's Biblically Sound and Reaching People in Culture

Planting Missional Churches is an instruction book for planting biblically faithful and culturally relevant churches. It addresses the “how-to” and “why” issues of church planting by providing practical guidance through all the phases of a church plant while taking a missional look at existing and emerging cultures.

Chapters 9 – 11 are the key chapters to our focus as it leads us through ways to practically understand our local culture and the church/community models present, as well as the importance of clearly identifying your focus group for evangelism.

Websites:

1. www.ruralchurchvoices.com has videos and podcasts in addition to their store where you can purchase books written for the rural context.
2. https://files.mychurchwebsite.net/c3750/community_assessment_1.pdf is a document developed by NAMB to assist a church in understanding their community in a more comprehensive way.