

travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer.



2018 Summer Vacation Plans



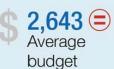


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68% = Holiday plans





Favorite foreign destination

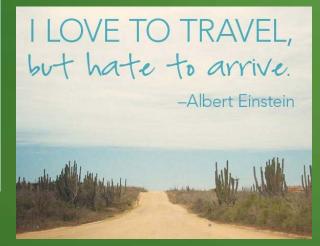


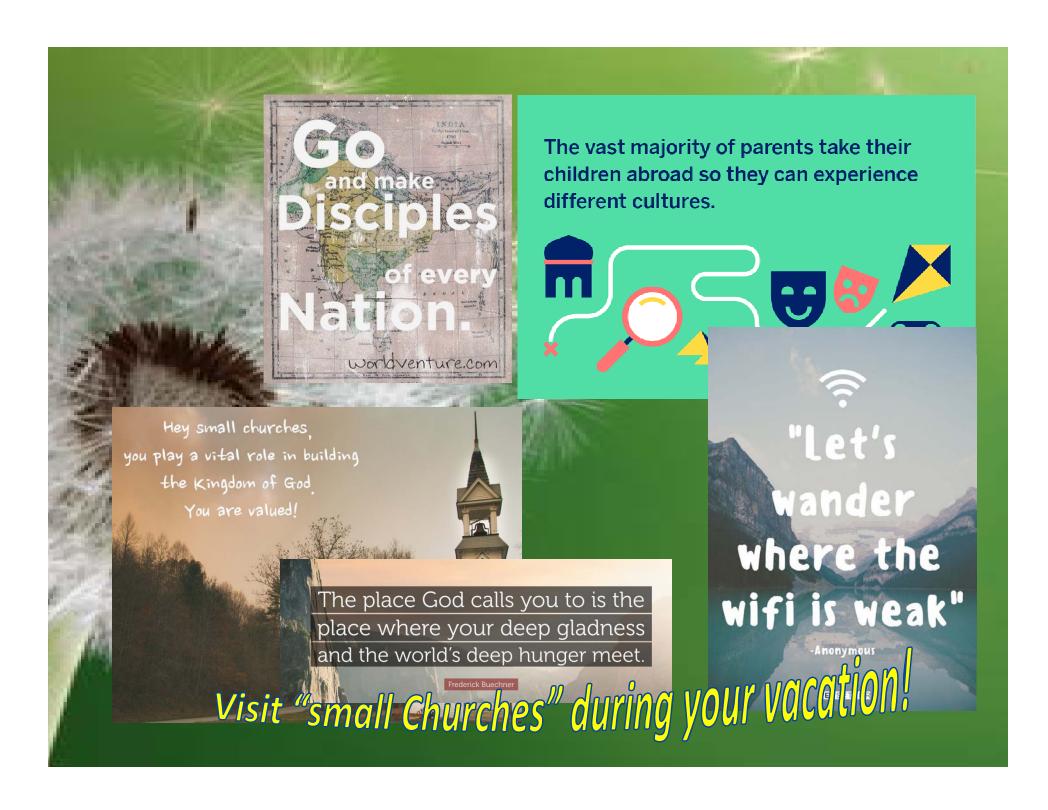
THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN TOKYO

Favorite sports competition to travel to

Study carried out online by Ipsos from March 27th to April 19st, 2018 in France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, Poland, Spain, Italy, Portugal, The United Kingdom, the United States, Brazil, China and India among 16 000 individuals. National representative samples.





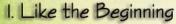


Microsites to Thrive:

Seven Churches that Reveal

THE POWER OF





- 2. Be Faithful While Suffering
- 3. Against False Teachings and Sinful Practices
- 4. In the Midst of Sexual Immorality
- 5. Constantly Awakening
- 6. Patiently Endure
- 7. Go Cool Like Gold Refined

Begin Kingdom-tide

s of Savage & Lanham







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In 6th Cen. B.C. it was one of the greatest cities of the world **King Croesus** reigned; While lack of vigilance, the city experienced a stealthy attack by the Persians; Through the negligence of its defenders, Sardis was captured by Antiochus the Great in 214 B.C.

The situation at Sardis is critical but not hopeless;
Hear Christ's promise to the faithful few in a church!

Revelation 3:1-6 Christ's Promise to the Faithful Few

⁹ "As I looked, "thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze.

A Faithful few in the Church of Sardis

- + Walking with Christ
- + Dressed in White
 - A symbol of inner purity among Essenes, a Jewish sect of Qumran;
 - A triumphal entry used by the Roman emperor;
 - -Emphasis on victory.

Daniel 7:9-10

¹⁰ A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.



Like a Faithful few at the Church in Sardis

John's Revelation 3:5

13:8

17:8

20:12, 15

21:27

However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in *heaven*.

LUKE 10:20 (NIV)

Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Revelation 21:27





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Empowering leadership

Are your leaders focused on equipping believers for ministry?

Gift-based ministry

Are tasks in your church distributed according to individual gifting?

Passionate spirituality

Is the spiritual life of your church people characterized by passion?

Effective structures

Do the structures of your church contribute to growth?

Vital signs of a healthy church

Inspiring worship service

Are your worship services an inspiring, uplifting experience for people?

Holistic small groups

Do your church small groups address real life issues?

Need-oriented evangelism

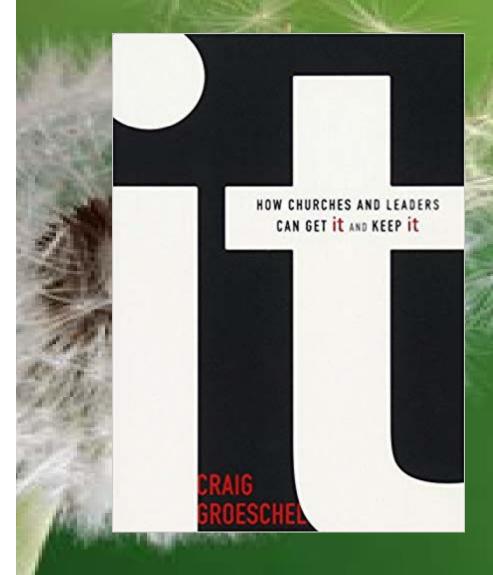
Are evangelistic activities related to the needs of those you are trying to reach?

Loving relationships

Are relationships within your church characterized by love?

Adapted from: Christian Schwarz, Natural Church Development

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Have you been in a church that seems dead? ...

People love to find it.

Did you have it?

Do you still have it?

What have you done for it: to create it, to keep it, and to prosper it?

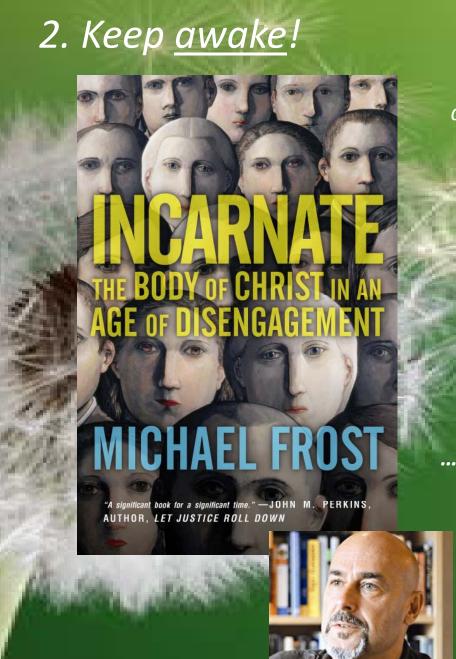
Do you have it? It happens!

You can kill (destroy) it?
You can bring forth it!
We can get it and keep it!!!









The story of Christianity is **a story of** incarnation: God taking on flesh and dwelling among the people he created. ...

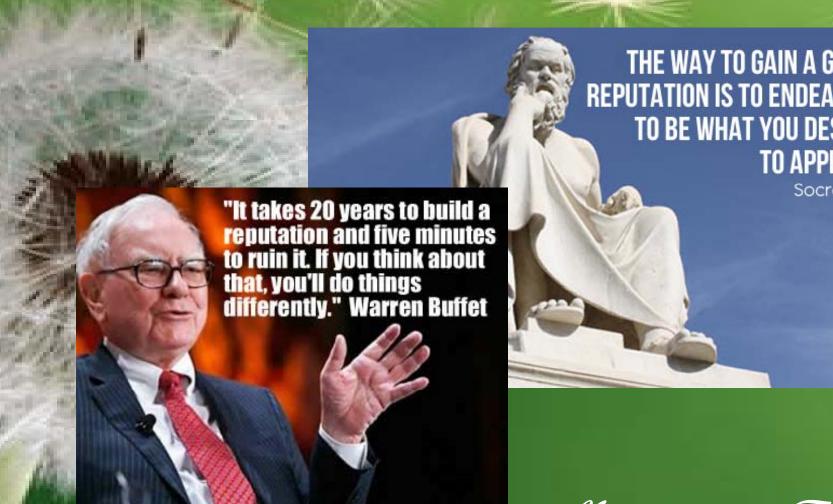
And yet so much of contemporary
Christian culture is rooted not in
incarnation but in escape: escape from
the earth to heaven, escape from the
suffering of this world, escape even from
one another.

... the church is in danger of being excarnate.

... we should offers new hope for how the church can fulfill its vocation: to be the hands and feet of Christ to one another and to our neighbors, to the ends of the earth and to the end of the age.







THE WAY TO GAIN A GOOD REPUTATION IS TO ENDEAVOR TO BE WHAT YOU DESIRE TO APPEAR.

Socrates

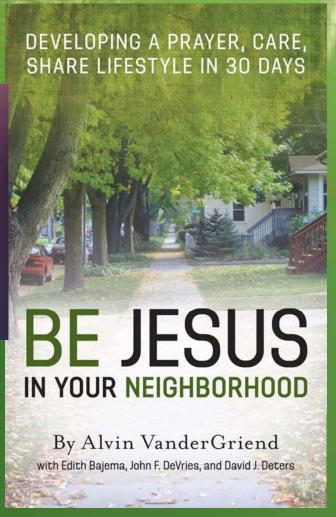




3. Walking with Christ, you shall maintain your good reputation.

We will never change the world by going to church.

We will only change the world by being the church.





4. Let your name be kept in the book of life.

Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

A church that brings forth Joy! yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my in the cause

I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you, loyal yokefellow, help these women who have contended at my in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:2-3

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again | will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanks giving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

