

## **SOMETHING BETTER – 5**

You know my sense that the popular model of “church” will not enable us to survive and thrive in the Day to come. A Day that isn’t far off. You also know that I believe that there is a better way.

I’m doing an online course on Simple/House Church with Roger Thoman, and here’s some discussion points derived from last night’s Zoom meeting. Try to feel the heartbeat of this model of Church.

### **IT’S ABOUT --**

- It’s about being God’s people 24/7 – not a series of events to attend.
- It’s about being His Temple – not building holy places to gather in.
- It’s about a Jesus-Lifestyle – not functioning as an institution.
- It’s about incarnating God into the world – not attracting people to our clubhouse.
- It’s about a participatory gathering – rather than being priest-led.
- It’s about discipling by relationship – not by program.
- It’s about rediscovering the adventure of following Jesus – not just living in our religious, culturally-comfortable boxes.
- It’s about releasing and empowering – rather than controlling.
- It’s about community – rather than just meetings.
- It’s about gathering anywhere, anytime – rather than special, holy times.
- It’s about finances spent on needs and ministry – rather than buildings and programs.
- It’s about “easy-to-reproduce” – rather than complicated and cumbersome.

Doesn’t this seem more like the New Testament church than what most of us experience now?

### **GOOD READING**

I highly recommend Thoman’s excellent book “Simple/House Church Revolution.” It’s an easy-read that will feel life-giving to you.

You can download it free from [www.simplechurchrevolution.com/](http://www.simplechurchrevolution.com/) You need to register but it’s a simple process. You will then receive some ongoing messages from Roger but can unsubscribe at any time. Please do that.

May God give you insight as you consider our future as the Church.

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