

WHY CULTURE – AND CHRISTIANS – ARE FED UP WITH THE CHURCH

Despite corporate-level leadership, larger staffs, better resources, world-class buildings and more communications tools than at any time in history, the church remains in sharp decline. Why?

WHAT IS THE BOOK ABOUT?

Political discourse and an ever-shifting cultural influence have, over the years, driven the church in America from its true mission and identity. Given tools, technology, facilities and other resources unparalleled at any time in human history, the church's influence today continues in steep decline. So, what's happened? What's missing? In many places – Jesus. Pastor Ray Johnston shares the Jesus of the Bible – the Jesus that the American church has lost -- and how refocusing on Him would transform our congregations, our neighborhoods, our cities, our culture and our world.

WHY IT'S RELEVANT

- Americans are experiencing the loss of innocence, values, faith, security, respect for authority and hope in unprecedented way and in desperation, are willing to accept anything that promises answers.
- The American church continues in steep decline – not only in terms of attendance and membership, but in influence.
- Johnston believes we could be on the front edge of the greatest decade in centuries to turn people to Jesus.

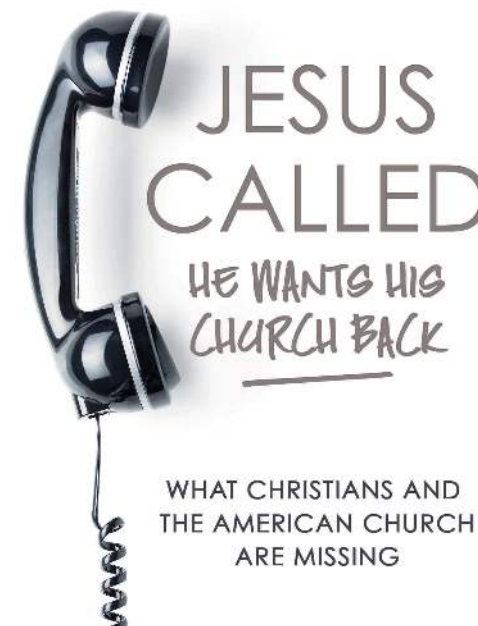
TOPICS ADDRESSED IN THE BOOK:

- Christianity's greatest competition?
- Seven signs of Christianity without Jesus
- The Seven 'Lost Decades' – what America lost in the 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s, 10s
- Five Reasons People Are Fed Up With the Church
- Seven Habits of Highly Defective Christians
- Six Ways to Avoid Becoming an Old, Cranky, Boring, Uptight Grown-Up
- Four Price Tags of Playing It Safe
- Five Ways to Break Free From the Idol of Safety
- Seven Ways to Rediscover a Fresh Vision from God
- Three Things That Are Killing Your Spiritual Life
- Three Life-Changing Spiritual Commitments
- "I Love Jesus ... I Just Can't Stand the Church"
- Six Things the Early Christians Majored In
- A Word for Discouraged Christians
- Evangelism: What It IS ... and What It Is NOT
- Three Ways to Share Your Faith Without Turning Everyone OFF

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CREDENTIALS

- Bestselling author of four books
- 20-years experience in youth and adult ministry
- Accomplished speaker, having spoken to over four million people since 2005
- In just 13 years at Bayside, has grown a congregation of over 12,000
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