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*Church Reset* by Jack Wilkie

This book is not unique. It's only one of many written throughout the years that claims to have the key to restoring Christianity to what it originally was, and how that not only leads to stronger congregations, but congregations that excel in reaching the lost. All that said, there is some value in this book.

I don't entirely share the same views of the author in some matters, but I do appreciate the appeal he makes for a return to the biblical model for Christians. He heavily emphasizes the need for **strong relationships** in local congregations, not just people who are loosely connected that happen to worship in the same place on Sundays. He cites several benefits of these kinds of relationships.

There's also a strong emphasis on each member offering themselves as an interconnected part of the body, rather than the all too familiar **consumer-minded disciple**. In his estimation, too many churches focus on attracting new members with superficial means, leading to very shallow views of discipleship, leaving very few members that actually contribute the way God designed us to contribute.

Of course, there's more. He writes about discipleship being an all-consuming, re-arranging of our lives to accomplish the will of God. He offers a number of good, practical applications along this line.

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