

A brief history of Sovereign King Church and what it has to do with networking

- Starting with little money and no people.
- Getting to know Garner

The Trouble with Mission Statements

- Our launch mission: Our mission is to glorify Christ and expand the Kingdom of God by being a selfless, loving community that is not ashamed of the Gospel and is willing to become all things to all men for its sake.
- Our launch vision: Our vision is to establish a new work in Garner, NC that has a passion to convert the lost, grow in maturity, and serve the needy all for the glory of Jesus Christ and the expansion of His kingdom.
- “Sovereign King Church exists for the purpose of Creating/Engaging community for the glory of Christ.”

What does it mean to Create and Engage Community for the glory of Christ?

- Everything we presently do is designed to either create community or to engage it. We hope to create a body of believers that will function in a 1 Corinthians 12 fashion, while our engaging of community is based primarily on serving Garner and the surrounding areas.
- We are committed to half our time outside of worship to be given over to engaging the community for Christ.
- Serve the Cultural Influencers in order to know who has been forgotten.

Success Stories and Non-success Stories

- Paul Pagan
- Mercy phone calls

Books of Influence

- Lewis, Robert. *The Church of Irresistible Influence*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2001.

This book's best characteristic is that it gives a vision (and practical examples) about how a church can become an asset to its community. The idea is that a church should be something a community is glad for whether or not the people in the community believe.

Scazzero, Peter. *The Emotionally Healthy Church: A Strategy for Discipleship that Actually Changes Lives*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

- I cannot recommend this book enough. Its main thrust is to enlarge the vision of care for the church. The church has to care more than just that its people believe correctly

(doctrine) and live correctly (obedience). The church also has to care about the emotions of its church members.

Rainer, Thom S., and Geiger, Eric. *Simple Church*. Nashville: B&H Publishing, 2006.

- The title says it all. Your church's mission/vision statement should reflect such a mission that anybody can know what you are about after one service.