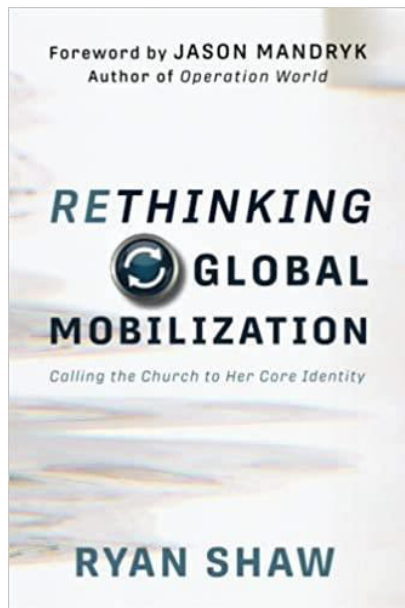


Rethinking Global Mobilization: Calling the Church to Her Core Identity By Ryan Shaw

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Summary

This book argues for a globalized mission mobilization that produces globalized cross-cultural mission. The book defends its argument for a comprehensive, overarching mobilization across the whole body of Christ in four ways: (1) by laying foundations for rethinking global mobilization; (2) by focusing on the biblical background of the Great Commission; (3) by analysing mission, mobilization, and revival history from AD 30 to the present; and (4) by answering the question, "What do we mobilize the Church to do?" The author (who has been involved in global mobilization for 20 years in over 65 nations) presents an in-depth study on mission mobilization as a response to the narrowly understood and normally neglected study of mobilization in missiology, offering a strategic framework for global mobilization.

Best Illustration

The book narrates the testimony of a present church planting movement in central Thailand: "The Free in Jesus Christ Church Association was a relatively small network of churches until the pivotal movement during Christmas 2016. Due to the passing of the King of Thailand, the large Christmas event... had to be cancelled. So instead of having a big Christmas gathering in the main town, they decided to go to the surrounding villages to hold smaller evangelism events in 17 villages. As a result, more than 5,000 people heard the gospel, and 700 people became believers, and 17 house churches were started." Page 249

Best Idea

God is birthing a focused global mission mobilization movement—not merely a few people becoming engaged with cross-cultural mission to the unreached but the body of Christ as a whole prioritizing seeing the earth filled with the glory of God. Page 1

Best Take Away

What do we mobilize the global Church to do? It is a progression from millions of individual ministries as Mission Mobilization Movements equipping the global Church to embrace her core identity, scattering at least 20 percent of church members to near and distant subcultures and unreached peoples, multiplying church planting movements so a thriving local ministry is within a 15-minute walk of every person on the planet, resulting in millions of people coming to saving faith through people movements to Christ across family lines, co-workers, and university relationships. Page 258

Our Recommendation

We recommend this book to mission mobilizers in a local church, denomination, or mission agency. The book presents a comprehensive view of global mobilization and a strategic framework for mobilizing mission movements. In addition, it offers a valuable glossary of key words and concepts on mobilization.

Best Quotes

"One could assert that the pressing question of the past generation in mission has been, 'Where to?'.... The most pressing question for the next generation of mission may be twofold: 'Where from?' and 'How?'" (Jason Mandryk) Page 1

"To see a great sending movement to the nations requires a corresponding great mobilization movement among the 'unsent' across the global Church." (Reuben Kachala) Page 8

"Multiplying spiritual understanding, wholehearted love for Jesus, faithfulness, and obedience, as well as multiplying disciples and spiritually alive, Bible-believing, communities of faith all over the earth is core to our DNA." Page 12

"Global mission is not merely an activity of the global Church, but an attribute of God Himself." (David Bosch) Page 19

"Because much of global mission and mobilization have historically derived from Western cultures, the individual recruitment emphasis has become normalized." Page 24

"In fact, mission mobilization activity is more crucial than field missionary activity." (Ralph Winter) Page 27

"Barna Research Group indicates only 17 percent of believers can even describe what Jesus' Great Commission is, while over 50 percent say they have never even heard about the Great Commission in their churches." Page 33

"Around 15 percent of local church members go to what missiologists call 'near culture unreached people.' The remaining 5 percent are scattered from a particular local ministry to 'distant culture unreached people.'" Page 49

"While the global Church is expending much energy in mission today, much is done in human strength." Pages 72

"The forgiveness of sins results in two things—a new vision of God and a new motive for life." Page 91 "It is necessary that mission mobilization includes preparing the global Church to prevail in the midst of difficulties, not faltering at the first signs of trouble." Page 103

"The three outward elements of a biblical local church are: (1) proclaiming and living out the confession, 'Jesus is Lord!'; (2) sacrificial service to those in need; and (3) powerful witness locally and across cultures." (Charles Van Engen) Page 134

"God is working progressively in history, never doing everything at once." Page 139

"There is a recurring, overarching historical trend—a brand-new, noteworthy era has occurred every 500 years without exception." (Wes Adams) Pages 141

"What began as a Jewish sect in AD 30 had grown into a world religion by AD 60." (Herbert Kane) Page 142

"The great historian Kenneth Scott Latourette has divided church history into three large periods of time: (1) AD 100-500 (the first five centuries); (2) the 1,000-year period called the Middle or Dark Ages; and (3) the last five centuries (500 years)." Page 143

"At pivotal times God revives and renews His Church, restoring core elements of her calling, and releasing them to spread the gospel to all peoples." Page 150

"Carey and others (whom) he inspired (Adoniram Judson in Burma; Robert Morrison in China; Henry Martyn in India and Iran; Alexander Duff in India; Robert Moffatt in South Africa; David Livingstone in Africa; Karl Gutzlaff in Thailand) during the first era of Protestant global mission from 1792-1865 landed, lived, and ministered primarily across the coasts of Asia and Africa." Page 160

"The point is that global systems of various generations have often been tracks across the nations upon which the gospel can and has progressed." Page 171

"The world's unreached megacities have been overlooked in mission as they are so big and a melting pot of ethnic peoples and cultures. Some of the largest include Tokyo, Japan (38 million), Delhi, India (31 million), Shanghai, China (28 million), Mumbai, India (23 million), Beijing, China (21 million), Dhaka, Bangladesh (21 million), and Karachi, Pakistan (17 million)." Page 178

"Over the last 50 to 60 years, emerging sending movements have come about from many non-Western African, Asian, and Latin American national churches." Page 179

"Far from being an indifferent or secondary matter, the ministry strategy used in crosscultural work is of the utmost importance." (Roland Allen) Page 186

"Research reveals, however, a large majority involved in mission education courses, conferences or experiencing a traveling group promoting mission, never get involved in their assigned roles in the Great Commission." Page 187

"Movement is a groundswell of people committed to a person or ideals and characterized by the following important commitments: (1) personal involvement; (2) persuasion of others to join; (3) beliefs and ideals of the movement; (4) participation in a non-bureaucratic, cell-group organization; and (4) endurance of opposition and misunderstanding." (Bobby Clinton) Page 191

"The idea of a home church financially supporting message bearer teams is largely a modern concept birthed during the missionary movement of the last 300 years from affluent nations." Page 212

"The use of means ought not lessen our faith in God and our faith in God ought not to hinder our using whatever means God has given us for the accomplishment of His own purposes." (Hudson Taylor) Page 217

"It appears the previous hyper-academic leaning of mission training is giving way to practical, hands-on, experiential training, depending on God and His power. This shift is part of God changing the face of global mission." Page 226

"It has become steadily clearer to me that the most important activity of all is the implanting of churches." (Ralph Winter) Page 229

"We have yet to see a church planting movement emerge where evangelism is rare or absent." Page 236

"The funds can be budgeted in a simple way consisting of four categories: (1) global mission; (2) church planting; (3) giving to the poor; and (4) church-related needs." Page 242

"The figure of 50 percent or more rate of growth per decade is indicative of the presence of a people movement." (Donald McGavran) Page 247

"Bridging connections from one city we find relatives and trusted friends of those new believers in a nearby location, building on them as a foundation—our 'persons of peace.'" Page 252

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