

Committee Reflection



Opening Prayer

Eternal God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
You have called us to be spiritual leaders of your body,
this church.

Help us to surrender our hearts and minds to you;

To humbly seek your voice;

To boldly do your will;

To compassionately share your love;

To faithfully be your servants;

And to reverently lead your people

Bless all that we do,

So that we can do what you bless.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Walt Kallestad, *Turn Your Church Inside Out*

In our increasingly secular, post-Christendom, postmodern world, it is clearly time for the followers of Jesus Christ to deconstruct the church for ourselves in order to begin building churches that genuinely exist for the others in our midst....

For far too long the church has existed primarily for those who belong to it. Meeting the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of church members has been the primary focus of pastors and other church leaders. Don't misunderstand. Meeting the needs of the church members is not, in and of itself, wrong. Church members have legitimate needs, and it is legitimate for the church to tend to them. It is illegitimate, however, when caring for church members becomes an end in itself, the primary reason for the church's existence.

Reflection

- What does this passage say to us about the nature of worship in church?

Questions

- What is Kallestad saying to us both about our worship and about the nature of church and church leadership?