There are actually a few similarities between the 1st Century and our world today. Let's take a look at a few.

In the 1st century there was a power you may be familiar with called the Holy Roman Empire. They were seen as the most powerful and influential nation just as America is today.

Both time periods also share the fact that there were great technological advancements taking place, as well as an increase in paganism and sexual deviance.

However, the most important similarity is the fact that God is moving His followers to see things in a fresh and new way. Another important thing to note is that the world has moved from a modern to a postmodern mindset, and with this shift there are 5 changes in values to consider.

Postmodernism vs. modernism

authenticity over excellence experience over proposition mystery over solution diversity over uniformity journey over destination

Now that we know how postmoderns view the world, that will help to see the changes that need to take place in our churches. Church has become a hangout for Christians rather than a place that is fiercely sending out people to reach the lost. The church needs to make a move from being simply an institution to being a relational group of people that is fulfilling God's mission.

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Churches today need an upgrade. Many of us are still running on version 2.0 when we should be getting ready to move to 3.0 or 3.5. Church 3.0 shows what this upgrade consists of.

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The way we accomplish discipleship and deal with church growth also needs to change. God intends for us to multiply disciples rather than add them. You are able to effectively reach a greater number of people then if you added them one by one. It is vital to be able to make healthy disciples because they are the ones that make healthy leaders, and ultimately, healthy leaders make healthy churches.	actionsteps Notes don't change anything, actions do. So don't take notes, take actions!
Another practical step that churches can make is by overcoming the need to become a "big church". We put too much emphasis on numbers that we forget to strategize effectively.	
It doesn't matter how many people you pack into services on Sundays if you don't have a way to reach them on a more personal level. We need to stop being so focused on growing our church in numbers and trying to be attractional in order to get there.	
We need to understand that true, healthy growth happens by multiplying disciples after we have taken the initiative and gone outside of the walls of our churches and sought after them.	
With these changes will also come changes to evangelism, finances, children's ministry. This won't be easy by any means, but we need to be more burdened with the weight of those who need Christ than we are burdened with the idea of giving up our personal preferences.	
There may be opposition to these changes but we need to remember that the most important thing isn't just changing the way we do church, it's reaching out to those who are lost.	