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Church: What Was God Thinking? Ekklesia = Church — What is it supposed to look like? It is a blessing to be in a church that equips and blesses its people to become all God has called them to be. When a church does not, it may feel like a left shoe on a right foot — something that just does not seem to fit right. There is a reason. Have you ever longed to see something more, something different, something extraordinary come out of your church? So what is the secret? It is not a secret at all. Do it God's way. The Bible gives keys that have been overlooked for many years. In this thought-provoking book, Bruce Isom shares insights from the Bible that will challenge your perspective of Church. It will help leaders rethink how they approach ministry. It will help believers view Church like they never have before. He gives a picture of Christian community that is vastly different from many churches today. Fellowship = Participation — What is my Role? When the Body of Christ works together, each one in their God-given role, then church can really happen! Everyone is meant to participate in church, not to be spectators! "For God gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service that the Body of Christ may be built up." We are all meant to mature and move into the five-fold ministry to help build up the Body of Christ (Ephesians 4, especially verses 7-16). Church: What Was God Thinking? carefully examines each of these callings and their importance for growing and maturing the Church. Ministry = Service — What is my Gift? It is Biblical for every believer to have an active part in the Body of Christ. God gives gifts for this very reason. But how do people discover their gifts and callings? There are God-given ways to do this and the answers might surprise you. When followers of Christ are truly heavenly minded, they discover God's intentions for their lives. This allows them to be used by God in ways that would otherwise be impossible. God created every Christian to be an instrument of the Holy Spirit. God gives His Spirit to empower His people to do things His way. Each person must know their calling and be healed from their past to move into His destiny. This book talks about the power tools that God makes available for every believer and the difference those tools make in fulfilling God's purposes. In Church: What Was God Thinking? Bruce Isom gives a refreshing perspective from Scripture on what Church is meant to be: • Including what the Bible says that God likes and dislikes in a Christian community • Focuses on principles that can be applied to any church structure, whether traditional church, cell church, house church or any other type of gathering • Describes what spiritual maturity is and what it is not, and ways the believer can mature • Describes how Christians from different maturity levels can bless each other • And so much more! About the Author: Since committing his life to the Lord in 1974, Bruce Isom has had a passion to see Church become all it was meant to be. In 1988, he became a missionary in Hong Kong serving the Lord with his family in various types of ministry, including church planting, discipleship, prayer ministry, and developing ministry materials, also working with street kids, the homeless, former drug addicts, and grassroots people including the working poor. He longs to see all believers in the Body of Christ become mature, living out their full potential and fulfilling their God-given roles in the Church.

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