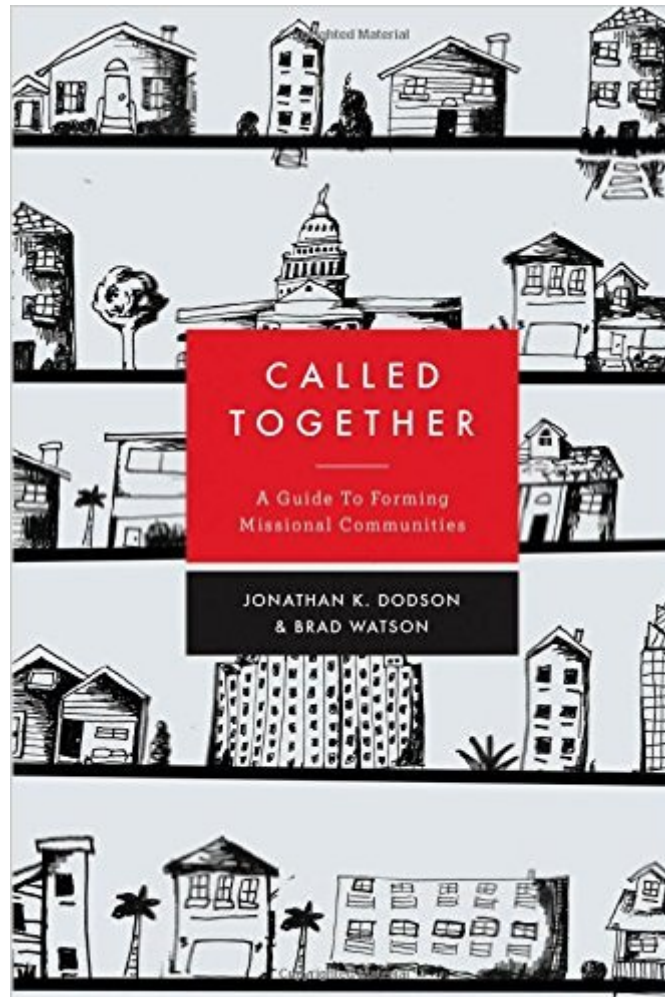


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Called Together: A Guide To Forming Missional Communities



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Everyone has a calling. We search for our calling in careers, hobbies, and even ministries, but Christians actually know their calling from birth. We are all called into God's community and onto his mission. There is no greater calling. Once we are in Christ, we are no longer orphans. Everyone has a place in the people of God. But how do you live out that calling? What does it look like to be God's new community? How can we fulfill our role in his mission? In *Called Together*, Jonathan Dodson and Brad Watson help us discover what it means to be a people made for community and mission. Through reflection on the foundational concepts of gospel, community, and mission, it will help you form healthy missional communities. Filled with practical guidance for leaders and everyday people, it will guide you into a deeper and more deliberate experience of being the church together.

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One of the most difficult things for churches to do is to stay missional when they are established or become missional when they are plateaued or declining. For years theologians and pastors have asked the question: "How can we outgrow the ingrown church?" Jonathan Dodson and Brad Watson have planted thriving churches that are missional and constantly reaching out in the context of community in their respective cities: Austin, Texas and Portland, Oregon. There are many ways to be missional as a church, but perhaps one of the most simple, flexible, and successful ways is via small "missional" groups. This book is written as a guide or handbook on a proven and effective way to reach out in your community without compromising the Gospel, edification, or fellowship. The error that most churches fall into is establishing small groups that are ingrown - what I like to call "holy

huddles." These are groups that are inward (people already in the church) focused. There is nothing wrong with care groups or specialized groups for individuals that are focused on certain needs. However, churches also need to have groups that are outward focused and missional if they are going to keep the gospel alive and thriving in their communities. In this guide the author's model and teach how this can be done in your own church context and community. The goal of this guide is to establish and equip missional communities so that the church can be outreach oriented, focused, and intentional. The author's define a missional community as "a group of people who are learning to follow Jesus together in a way that renews their city, town, village, hamlet, or other space. They aren't fancy.

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