

Within this last section, Shipman attempts to give a step-by-step description of his team's strategy for initiating a CPM once someone comes to faith. Being familiar with his CPM materials, I found it unnecessary to truncate so much information into just a few pages. It would have been best if he had either left it out entirely, thus making *Any-3* solely an evangelism book, or filled it out more completely, thus making *Any-3* into a CPM book as well.

If you do not yet have a clear and simple way to naturally share the gospel with Muslims, *Any-3* would be an asset to you and your ministry. It would also be valuable for you if you don't have a simple way to train other colleagues in how to share their faith. Even if you already use a particular method, I think you'd find Shipman's lessons neatly packaged and easy to implement in your context.

Because of its simplicity, this would also be a great resource for churches in the Western world that are wrestling with how to share the gospel effectively with their new Muslim neighbours. I would recommend this book to any missionary, pastor, missions pastor, or anyone thinking about going into missions work in Muslim majority areas.

Reviewed by Will Meryl

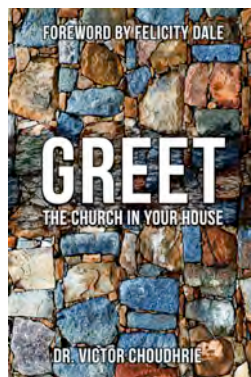
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Greet the Church in your House

by Victor Choudhrie

Power Through Love, 2012, available only in Kindle format.

Victor Choudhrie is a well-known church planter and advocate for house churches (which he calls 'ekklesia'). This book is a loosely organized collection of arguments against traditional, mostly Western church models in favour of a simplified house church structure. The format and style of this book is neither academic nor prosaic. It is arranged more like a training seminar outline. The chapters are short and each one is preceded by a set of summarizing bullets. The book could use some editing in its current form. There are, for example, two chapter sevens.



Reading past the format and style of the book reveals an impassioned call for the re-evaluation of contemporary church structures. Choudhrie looks at both history and biblical texts. He argues that the rise of Catholic institutionalization continues to haunt our view of church leadership. He provides numerous short outlines, many in list form, of how a church should function. He addresses governance, roles (he takes a strong stand for egalitarianism), missiology and how his model of church best accommodates biblical ecclesiology.

This book sometimes suffers from overgeneralization. Choudhrie writes, for example, 'In the New Testament ekklesia everyone entered His gates with joyfulness, praise and thanksgiving, while in the modern church, members sit with sombre faces.' (Kindle position 2078). This takes away from the larger issues he is seeking to address.

Choudhrie weaves history from his Indian roots into the book. This brings richness to his topic since many authors have addressed house church only from a Western perspective (particularly in the Western-dominated emergent church movement). Missionaries often plant house churches not because they want to but because repression of Christianity forces them to. This book takes the position that all churches should be house churches.

This book does not offer many new or compelling concepts but reinforces what many house church practitioners teach and believe. What makes this book credible is Choudhrie's many years as a practitioner in a non-Western context. For those working in similar situations this book affirms that it is not only ok but preferable to focus on house church models.

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