WHAT IS THE EMERGING CHURCH

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A while ago, I reviewed D.A. Carson's book Becoming Conversant with the Emerging Church. At the time, I was not particularly impressed with what Carson had to say (and I'm still not). There is a much better analysis of the Emerging Church, written by an insider, available here. (Thanks to Mark at Foolish Sage for making the article available online). I think this paper should be read by all thinking Evangelicals because it asks some hard questions about the way in which we view our faith and do our theology. Try this quote for size:

> *The emerging movement is perhaps annoyed more by Bible thumpers and Christians who are obsessed with being biblical than anything else â€“ not because they disparage the Bible but because they know too many Christians whose theology is all that matters to them, who render judgement on everything and everyone â€“ with Bible verses to back it up â€“ but who donâ€™t live compassionately (and sometimes we mention names) and who donâ€™t live out Micah 6:8 â€“ â€œTo act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.â€*

Challenging stuff!

HT: Andrew Jones