MISSION IN SUBURBIA

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Todd Hiestand has written an excellent paper entitled: The Gospel and the God-Forsaken, *The challenge of the missional church in suburbia.* In a wide ranging piece Todd picks up on the way that much of western church life is subconsciously affected by the values of suburban life.Â I'm particularly impressed with his analysis in linking individualism (especially seeing salvation in individual terms) and a desire for comfort as being root causes of the church's lack of interest in social justice. Though this paper is written to the American context, it's critique and suggestions for a way forward apply equally to British churches that I know.

I see this as a very important bit of work and I'd encourage you to get it into the hands of your church leadership.

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