GOSPEL-CENTRED CHURCH

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David Couchman has just reviewed Steve Timmis and Tim Chester's book The Gospel-centred Church, and I wanted to bring it to your attention too. It's a short book, designed as a study guide for groups and as David's review shows it's full of pithy, challenging quotes. I thought I'd put a few of the conclusions from the back of the book here and ask for comments on them.

- If mission is the defining activity of the church, then we will not make mission one activity among many.
- If the church is defined by the gospel and mutual commitment then we will not clutter up the practice of the church with constitutions, offices, buildings and so on.
- If a believing community is a vital apologetic for the gospel then we will not reduce church to attendance at meetings.
- If church planting is on the agenda then we will not grow into a large congregation.
- If people are more important than buildings then we will not put our money into buildings.