

Temporary Marquees & Welcoming Spaces: A New Way to See Church Property

How buildings can serve—not shape—your gospel mission.

Reframing the role of property in church life

Church buildings ..

- huge blessing or a heavy burden?
- Lord or the servant of the mission?

AIM: to signal the gospel, facilitate ministry, support the community, & serve Christ's calling



A new way to see church property

1. A temporary marquee for Christ's great commission
2. A welcoming & flexible space to showcase Christ's love to others
3. The warning – when property becomes the product
4. The invitation – reimagine with purpose



The unholy trinity: when church buildings

- Shape the mission
- Define our identity
- Dominate the agenda



Let the Spirit of God
shape our mission

– and then in turn let
the mission define the
marquee it uses.



1. Church Property as a temporary marquee for Christ's Great Commission

Let your property *point beyond itself* to the gospel life and hope of the church community who meet under it's roof.



2. Church Property as a Welcoming & Flexible Space

A good space to grow mission is like an **oasis and refuge**

Good spaces are **ministry tools** – *to be kept efficient & fit for purpose*



2. Church Property as a Welcoming & Flexible Space

Is our space flexible enough to support growth, gospel creativity and changing ministry needs?

We are called first to build disciples and so need property solutions that will help us do that well in our context.



3. The warning – when property becomes the product

Are we:

- preserving walls before effectively proclaiming the Word
- protecting property more than meeting the needs of local people
- using discernment language to defend sentimental attachment



3. The warning – when property becomes the product

“What was once a marquee has become a museum?

What was once a space has become a cage?”



4. The Invitation – Reimagine with Purpose

Reframing your relationship with
property?

See it not as a constraint but shape
it as a :

- living canvas
- mission tool
- story telling space



4. The Invitation – Reimagine with Purpose

If your marquee isn't welcoming and
your gathering space isn't as useful as
your mission needs
— it's time to rethink.



Closing Reflection: Stewards, Not Prisoners

We steward physical space — but we
must not become *prisoners of
permanence*



Closing appeal:

- Let the **mission** Christ has given the Church define the marquee.
- Let the **Spirit of God** shape our thinking of how to use property for the mission of Christ.
- Let us **do God's work God's way — until Christ returns.**



Where to go next?

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- **Clarity, Confidence & Credibility:**
Making Property Decisions That Grow Your Church's Mission
- *A strategic process for churches looking to hire, rent or buy space that serves their mission*



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