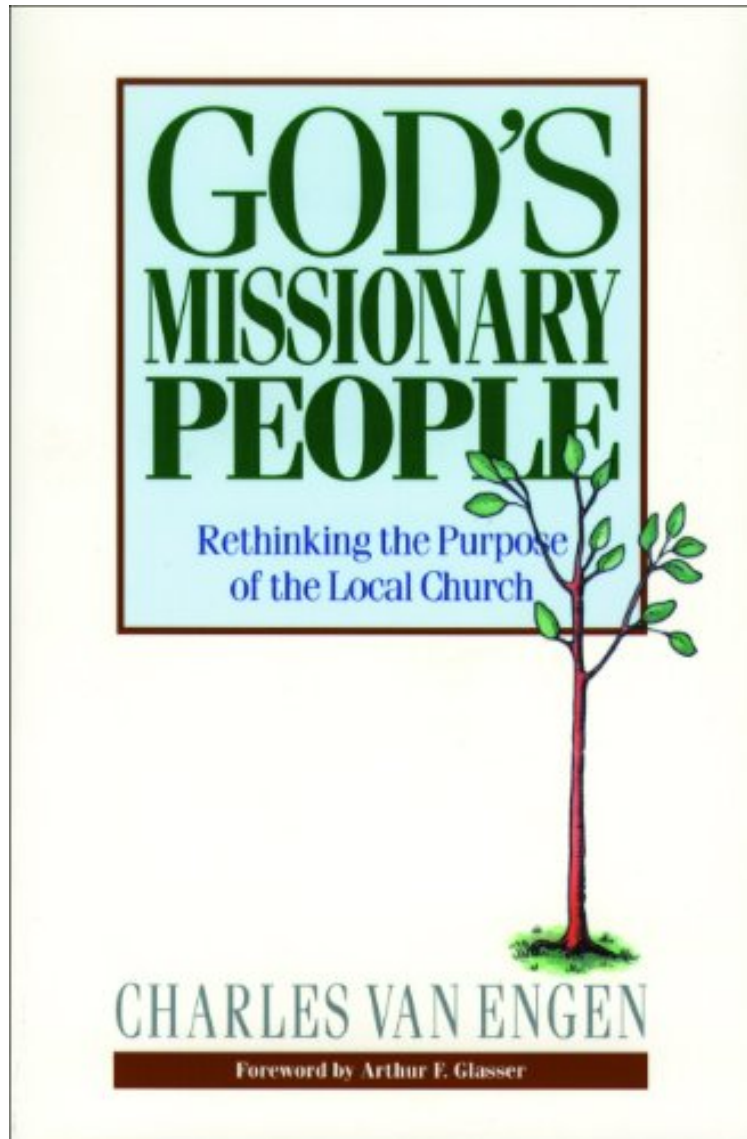


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For Mission Von Emmanuel Ong Chee Yong Summary : This book covered the theoretical and practical study on Church and Mission. Charles Van Engen gave an extensive and profound definition on the Church which covered from the biblical images, Church History and theological perspective (Part 1, pp25-86). The Church is one, is catholic, is holy and is apostolic. But Charles Van Engen showed that the Church is also mission-intent for God's Kingdom because Christ's salvation and rule are in the Church and for the World. Therefore the church being the only earthly witness for Christ should engage its essence for the Great Commission (Part 2, pp87-132). Every local church is God's missionary people to reach out the whole world into the Lost. To accomplish such a mission task, four elements in the local church: the Goal-setting, the mission-orientated members, the commissioned leadership and the church administrative system will all be geared towards mission in passion and vision for the whole world (Part 3, pp133-192). Comment: Charles Van Engen's presupposition is that the Church in her essence cannot be divided or separated from her commission in mission to the world because the Church is the only chosen witness for Christ. But the issue is: Does the Church lose its essence when her earthly mission fails? To make some analogy: (1) Does a man lose his image of God or his manliness if he fallen or paralysed? (2) Does a cat lose its cat-ness if it loses its four legs and still alive? My understanding is the Church is still the Church though she has not functioned her entrusted mission to the world. It is the same that Christ is the God in person even if he does not want to save his people on earth! Because he is still the Lord if he did not be my Savior.

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