

WHEN GOD LEFT THE BUILDING: SAMPLE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. After seeing the film, what struck you most? Why?
2. Which person in the film did you most identify with? Why?
3. Park Church weekly attendance declined from 900 to 35. What do you believe were the primary reasons for the decline? What can we learn from this story?
4. Kodak's leaders were confused about the company's mission. In the film, Steve Sasson said, "Are we a chemical company? Are we a film company? Are we an imaging company? We didn't know what business we were in." What "business" are we in?
5. What sometimes overshadows the attention we might devote to our relationship with Jesus Christ? For example: our traditions, buildings, finances, disagreements, ministries.
6. Rick Warren said, "Big isn't better. Small isn't automatically better. Healthy is better." How do you feel about that? What makes a church healthy?
7. In the film, Nathan, Reggie McNeal, and Tillie Burgin all talked about "taking church to the people." How do you feel about that? How might we take our church to the people?
8. After Steve Sasson invented the first digital camera, a Kodak leader said, "I hope you fail. This sort of thing could displace our entire business." Sasson said, "Fear of losing what you have supersedes any potential advantage for reaching for what you can get with something new." How might this relate to changes that may need to be made in our church?
9. At Park Church, Christy said, "We can't lose one more member. We just can't lose any more members. In which case we will never make the changes we have to make." How can we do what's best for the body of Christ, even when it means upsetting some people in the process?
10. Churches are facing some big challenges in the present and near future. The solutions will differ from church to church. Read Luke 12:56. What is our "digital camera"? How is God calling us to "interpret the present times" and be the church in our community?