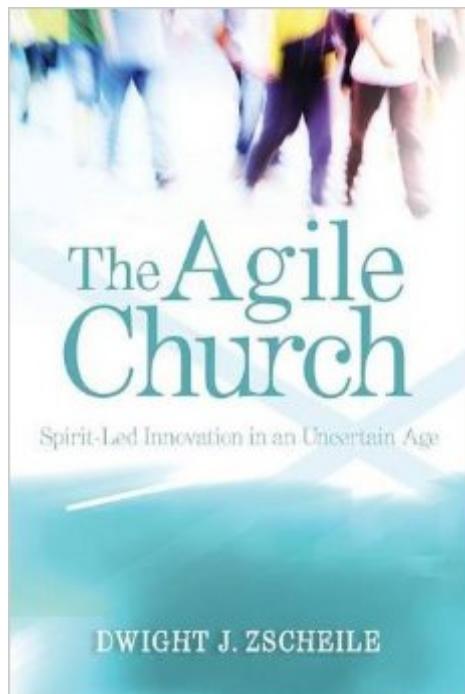


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# The Agile Church: Spirit-Led Innovation In An Uncertain Age



## **Synopsis**

In todayâ™s dynamic cultural environment, churches have to be more than faithfulâ•they have to be agile. That means embracing processes of trial, failure, and adaptation as they form Christian community with new neighbors. And that means a whole new way of being church. Taking one page from the Bible and another from Silicon Valley, priest and scholar Dwight Zscheile brings theological insights together with cutting-edge thinking on organizational innovation to help churches flourish in a time of profound uncertainty and spiritual opportunity. Picking up where his recent bestseller, *People of the Way* left off, Zscheile answers urgent and practical questions around how churches become agile and adaptive to meet cultural change. Â Cutting-edge leadership theory, approaches, and techniques for churches Skillfully addresses both academic and church audiences Study guide included

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Zscheile shares ancient (helpful insight on biblical narratives) and modern (e.g., Silicon Valley and Lean Startups) wisdom in a practical, accessible, and honest diagnosis and regimen for today's church. He cautions against "that's the way it's always been done" and advocates for a deep attending to the "customer", embracing vulnerability (e.g., failing forward), all while functioning out of a biblical core that is dynamic, agile, and full of integrity. This book is for established communities experiencing decline as well as those hoping to prevent it. It is also a book for church-planters, entrepreneurs, and future church leaders.

A great book about where Christianity is moving. A must read for those who have become burned out from mundane megachurch culture. Great read for those who wish to live out a Christian life instead of just going to church every Sunday.

An eminently readable and engaging look at how the established church needs to find ways to be relevant in a changing society without ignoring its roots. In the current climate of non involvement with any church, it is vital that ways are found to make connections and to spread the love of God

I've been an IT agile scrum master for several years and this author's understanding of agile is very impressive. What he had done here has started an important conversation. I believe agile will take root in the church and this book will be pointed to it as the genesis of that conversation in years to come Brian RalphCA Technologies

Finding your church is struggling to relate to the culture? Are you trying and trying everything you know how to reach people but it just isn't working? Stop wasting your time reading this review and invest it more wisely in reading Dwight's book!

This is a very solid book for people wanting to read, reflect and discuss new and more nimble ways of being the church. Zscheile is a professor at Luther Seminary in St. Paul, MN but writes in a way that is accessible for most leaders in congregations. Focusing on a mainline audience, he explores principles from Silicon Valley, outlines a set of principles for church practice, and provides genuine help for leaders wanting to change how the congregation they lead moves forward. As a church consultant, I found the book to be a very worthwhile read.

Zscheile has taken the latest scholarship in missional ecclesiology and put it into accessible and practical language that is extremely helpful for the local church leader. A must read.

Fresh material that is easy reading. I sense that the author is still reluctant to part with doctrine that was heavily influenced by prevailing cultures of the day.

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