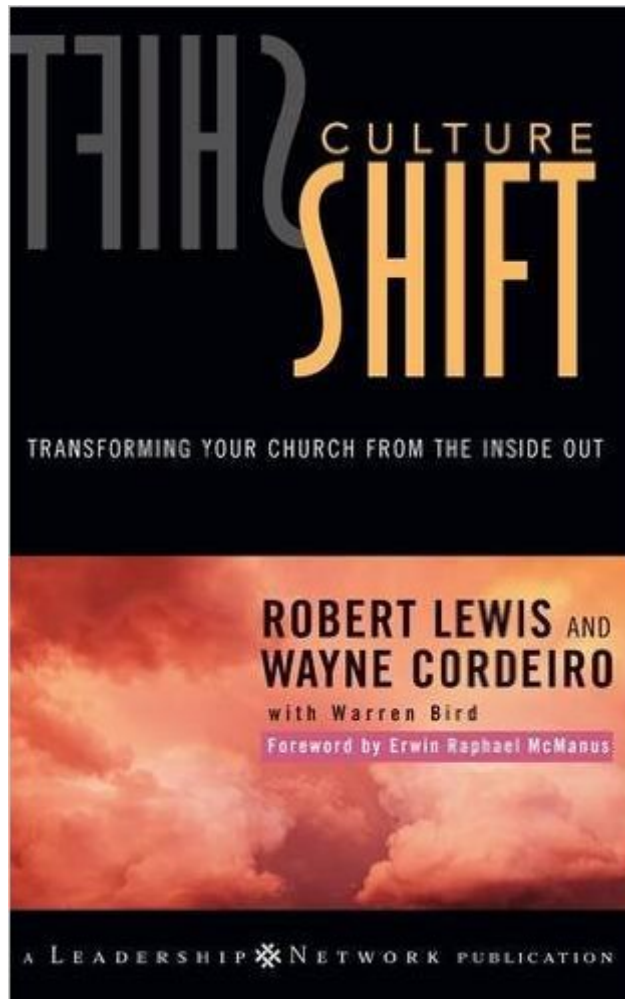


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# Culture Shift: Transforming Your Church From The Inside Out



## Synopsis

Culture Shift, written for church leaders, ministers, pastors, ministry teams, and lay leaders, leads you through the process of identifying your church's distinctive culture, gives you practical tools to change it from the inside-out, and provides steps to keep your new culture aligned with your church's mission. Real transformation is not about working harder at what you're already doing or even copying another church's approach but about changing church culture at a foundational level.

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I read this book at the same time I read Albert Mohler's book of the same title as I research how to transform and recreate culture from different perspectives this summer/fall. Mohler looks out at the culture Americans live in from an intelligent Christian perspective. Here, although Lewis, Cordeiro and Bird pay lip service to transforming the community, their primary concern is with transforming the culture of the church from the inside out. That's how you eventually impact the community! I appreciated the repeated emphasis that you don't just add another quick fix, patchwork approach, plug-n-play program, etc. to what you're already doing, but that you look at the people, giftings, talents, passions, and values God has given you and move from there: "The church will become what you are right now"--leaders are the carriers of the spiritual culture (92). I also appreciated some of the coaching lines and tips: "You're doing an A-plus job, but may I share an idea that would raise it even higher? (117) Some statements I took issue with included the following: Lewis and

Cordeiro seemed at times a little too eager to point out they were doing men's ministries like Promise Keepers before there was Promise-Keepers (137), unleashing the church before others were unleashing the church (130) or doing church completely from a small group approach before others had transitioned to this paradigm (p. 170). In 2,000 years of church history these things have never been done before? I also found myself wondering if there was a trace of a paternalistic attitude when it comes to doing cross-cultural missions (page 185) and if a good cross-cultural missiology course would be in order (this is something I have to be careful about myself).

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