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Breakout Churches Can Your Church Become One? This is the story of thirteen churches and the leaders who moved them from stagnancy to growth and from mediocrity to greatness. Drawing on one of the most comprehensive studies ever on the church, this book reveals the process of becoming a “breakout” church and the factors that lead to this spiritual metamorphosis. Eighty percent of the approximately 400,000 churches in the United States are either declining or at a plateau. Is there hope for the American church? Breakout Churches offers a resounding “yes!” and offers specific examples and principles to help you and your church become more effective.

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# **From Reader Review Breakout Churches: Discover How to Make the Leap for online ebook**

## **Darrin Niday says**

Not for leasure read LOL, some good information for growing churches.

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## **Mary Lewis says**

A seminal work from Thom Rainer. Based on "Good to Great", Rainer studied churches that were able to make a similar leap from Good to Great or to "Breakout" status. Incorporates a lot of the concepts from other Rainer works. If you want to read one thing by Thom Rainer, this is the one.

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## **Joani says**

A study of successful ministries based on the "Good to Great" model. Now I'd like to read "Good to Great".

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## **Ernest Kincaid says**

Excellent book. If you liked Jim Collins' Good to Great, and if you're at all concerned about your church, you will like Breakout Churches. Rainer is a church consultant and has done extensive research for this book on what makes for a breakout church. Complete with actual case studies and comparison churches; Thom Rainer models his research and the premise of this book on 'Good to Great'. Rainer is meticulous, detailed, and easy to follow in this technical, yet consumer friendly read about the state of the Christian church in the United States. Worth keeping in your library, and definitely worth rereading.

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## **Paul says**

There were a lot of helpful insights in this book. In the big picture, his bias is towards how growth is a requirement due to the Great Commission. I'm glad he only included churches with an emphasis on evangelism, as it's so lacking these days.

While he valued starting new congregations in his written analysis, I'm not sure his statistics capture that since they only wanted to interview churches that grew. With that said, I'm not sure how much different his conclusions would have been if they had somehow statistically analyzed churches who had successfully started new congregations.

It was great to see that we don't need the yin/yang influence from Good to Great, as we now have a Christian author who was able to capture a more Biblical perspective (albeit mostly the same conclusions).

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**bookme4life says**

Despite understanding the logic for books like this, I always find myself conflicted when business principles are applied to a church.

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**Ryan says**

Modeled after *Good to Great* ( Jim Collins), this book is the result of a study to see why some churches are growing while others are not.

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**Daryl Watts says**

Even though the book is 4 years old, I finally finished it. Based on Good to Great by Jim Collins, the book provides some interesting insights into leadership. It's not really about churches but about the kind of leader it takes to lead a church to spiritual greatness.

It does tend to repeat a lot of data and sometimes the parallels between the book and Good to Great are forced, but the data and the principles are still well worth the read. See my full summary at <http://cybertsunani.typepad.com>

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**Jt says**

Got me thinking about what it takes to lead a church

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**Michael says**

This was a good book even though it matched up very much with one of Jim Collin's books. I found that the recaps were almost sufficient in understanding each chapters information.

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**Justin Carter says**

Great research based book. I highly recommend this book! Shows elements in various church in various contexts that all churches should strive to hvae!

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## **Danny Jefferson says**

Very insightful! This book provides the research and the data that is critical to do a necessary analyses for strategic planning in the local church! So often church leaders attempt to to create solutions to church problems without ever really knowing what the problem is. This is the church version of "Good To Great." Thom Rainer provided clear components of what moved some churches from mediocre to good and finally to GREAT!

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## **Rob Markley says**

Some good ideas but not really ground breaking!

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## **Bill says**

A great research based book that is along the same lines as "Good to Great" but adapted to churches. Insightful, and filled with a number of surprising statements and data about the "great" churches in the United States.

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## **Joe Cassada says**

Negatives: Rainer relied too heavily on Jim Collins's book *Good to Great*. Modeling a book on church growth after a book on corporate success is a huge turn-off for me. Also, Rainer's portrayal of leadership qualities based on Acts 1-7 was a work of fiction and not exposition. Any book on ministry should deal seriously with biblical texts. Last negative: Rick Warren's ministry philosophy is lauded and defended. The seeker-sensitive model is unbiblical at its core.

Positives: the subject matter is intensely interesting. I applaud Rainer and his team for their extensive research. Most praise-worthy is his bottom-line: leading a church to "greatness" is not about methodologies as much as the passion and perseverance in leadership. And Rainer's got the research to prove it.

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