

## A Non-Plenary Compare and Contrast of Evangelical, Bible-Believing Churches

### Legalistic Church

- Claims non-seeker (only b/c none attend)
- Focus on outward standards
- Shallow message, but claim depth
- **Evangelism:**
  - Usually weak
  - Sometimes strong, but to legalistic system
  - “Special Meetings”
  - Child Evangelism
  - “Pray a Prayer” emphasis
- Critical of everyone else
- Scorn education (its for the “liberals”)
- Style-Centered music
- Discipleship by conformity
- No community interaction: segregationists

### Relevant Church

- Claims non-seeker (but seekers attend)
- Not focused on standards, but people end up balanced
- Message centered with adequate depth
- **Evangelism:**
  - Moderately strong, sometimes very strong
  - Empower the people for evang.
  - Win people through relationships
  - Conversion emph.
- Receptive to other’s ministries.
- Strong on education
- Message-centered music
- Discipleship by teaching & small group
- Community interaction for the sake of the gospel

### Seeker Church

- Seeker focused (centered on unbeliever)
- No standards; people reflect no standards
- Message intended to be self-help
- **Evangelism:**
  - Complete focus
  - Totally pragmatic in evangelism
  - Attract through marketing
  - Evang through events & concerts
  - “Give your life”
- Receptive to any method; scorn conservatives
- Education in marketing
- Entertainment-centered music
- No discipleship
- Community interaction to “share the love of Christ”