It: How Churches and Leaders Can Get It and Keep It

Recently I was in the MidAmerica Nazarene University on-campus office of Kevin Borger and he suggested I read a book he had on his shelf called IT: HOW CHURCHES AND LEADERS CAN GET IT AND KEEP IT by Craig Groeschel.

Craig Groeschel is the founding and senior pastor of LifeChurch.tv. This is a multi-campus church that began in 1996 in a borrowed two-car garage with less than desirable furnishings and audiovisual equipment. Yet the people were drawn in and the church grew rapidly. Why? They sensed a powerful presence of God that Groeschel came to call "it." God makes "it" happen. "It" is from and by him. "It" is for his glory.

The book therefore addresses questions like: What is "it"? What contributes to "it"? What it means to get "it" back and guard "it."

Sometimes we walk into a local church for the first time and after experiencing worship we say to ourselves, "they get it." Or, "they have it." Craig deals with real life examples and discussion questions at the end of each chapter to show some of the ingredients a church needs to get "it" and keep "it." He also shows ways that local churches can loose "it."

This is what I call a nuts and bolts practical book on leadership, which would be a great resource for you and your staff.

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