

# living and learning with social media

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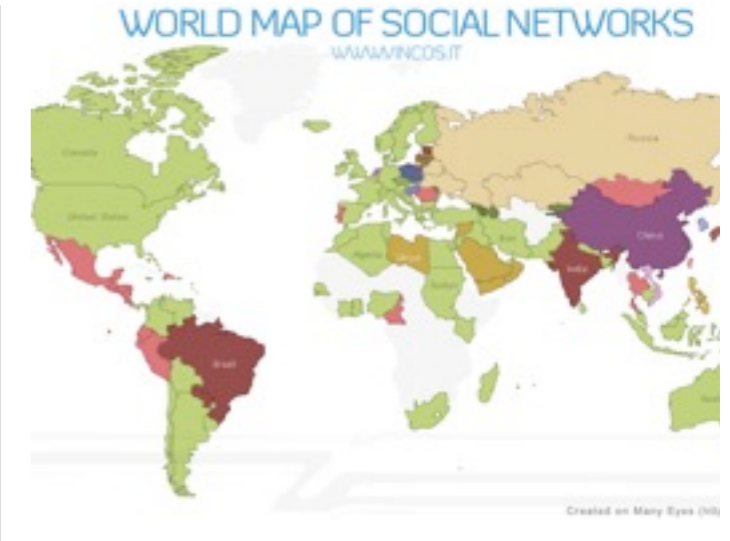
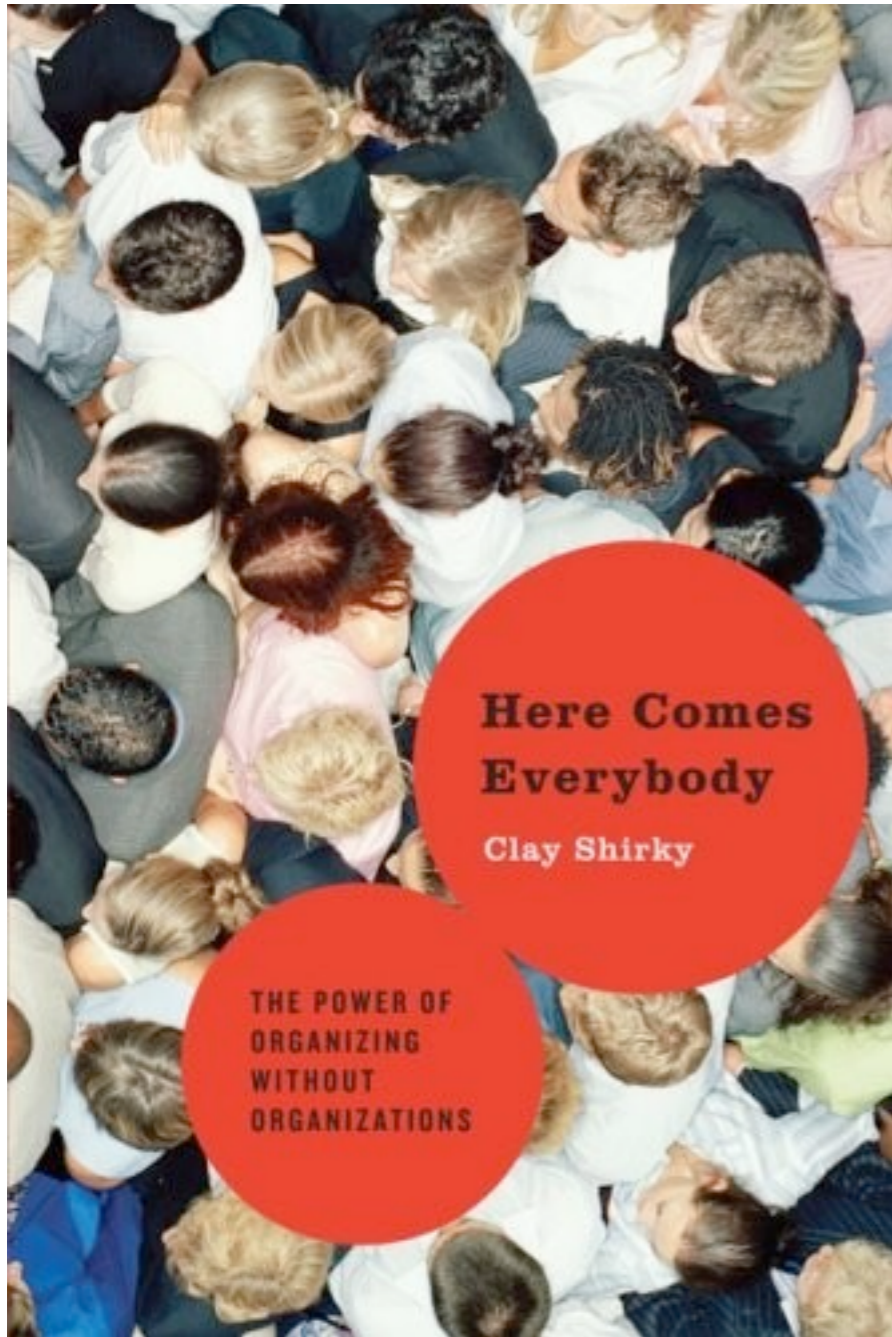
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# brief overview

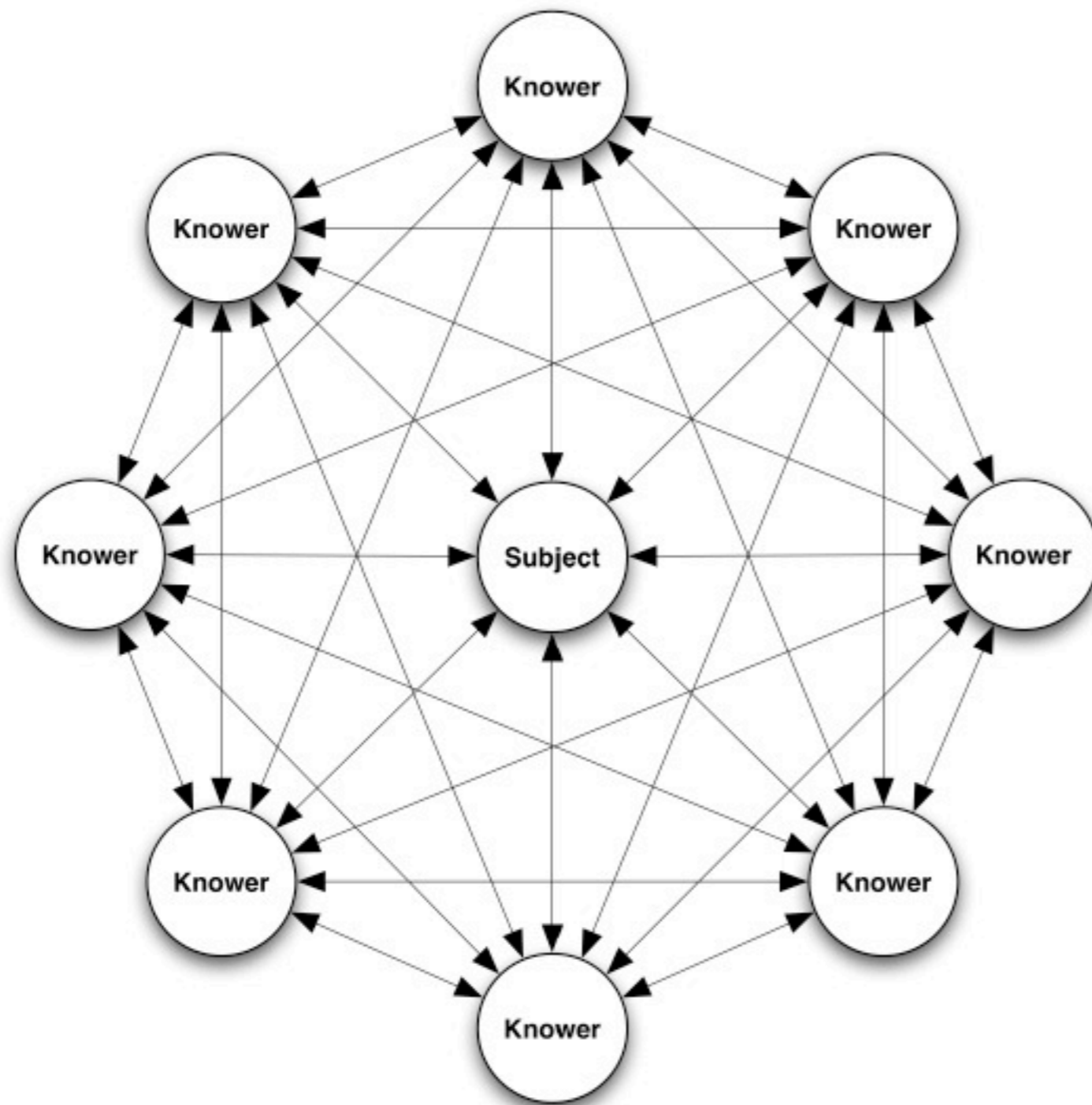
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- what are social media?
- what are we learning about religious communities and social media?
- theological spectrum of responses
- what's practical for us now?
- Q&A

**Is Social Media a Fad?**  
**Or the biggest shift since the Industrial Revolution?**



Clay Shirky's work suggests that digital media are more helpful in sustaining and intensifying relationships, than they are in starting them



Heidi Cambell's work suggests that people active in on the ground religious communities are more likely to be active in online communities

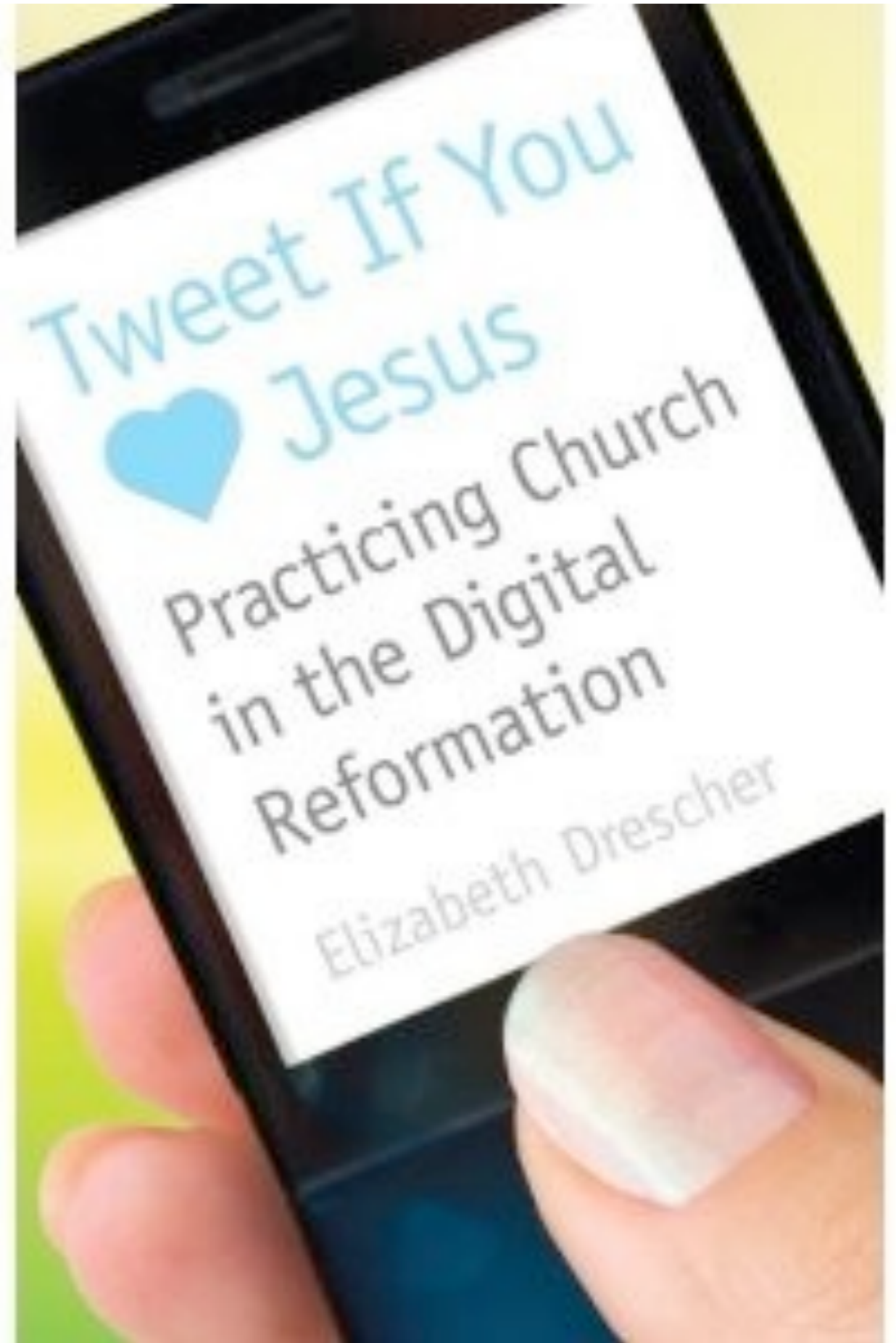


Elizabeth Drescher suggests we're looking at a digital reformation

## digital reformation

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“A revitalization of the Church driven by the often ad hoc spiritualities of ordinary believers as they integrate practices of access, connection, participation, creativity, and collaboration encouraged by the widespread use of new digital social media into all aspects of daily life, including the life of faith.”



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Ah, yes, hello.

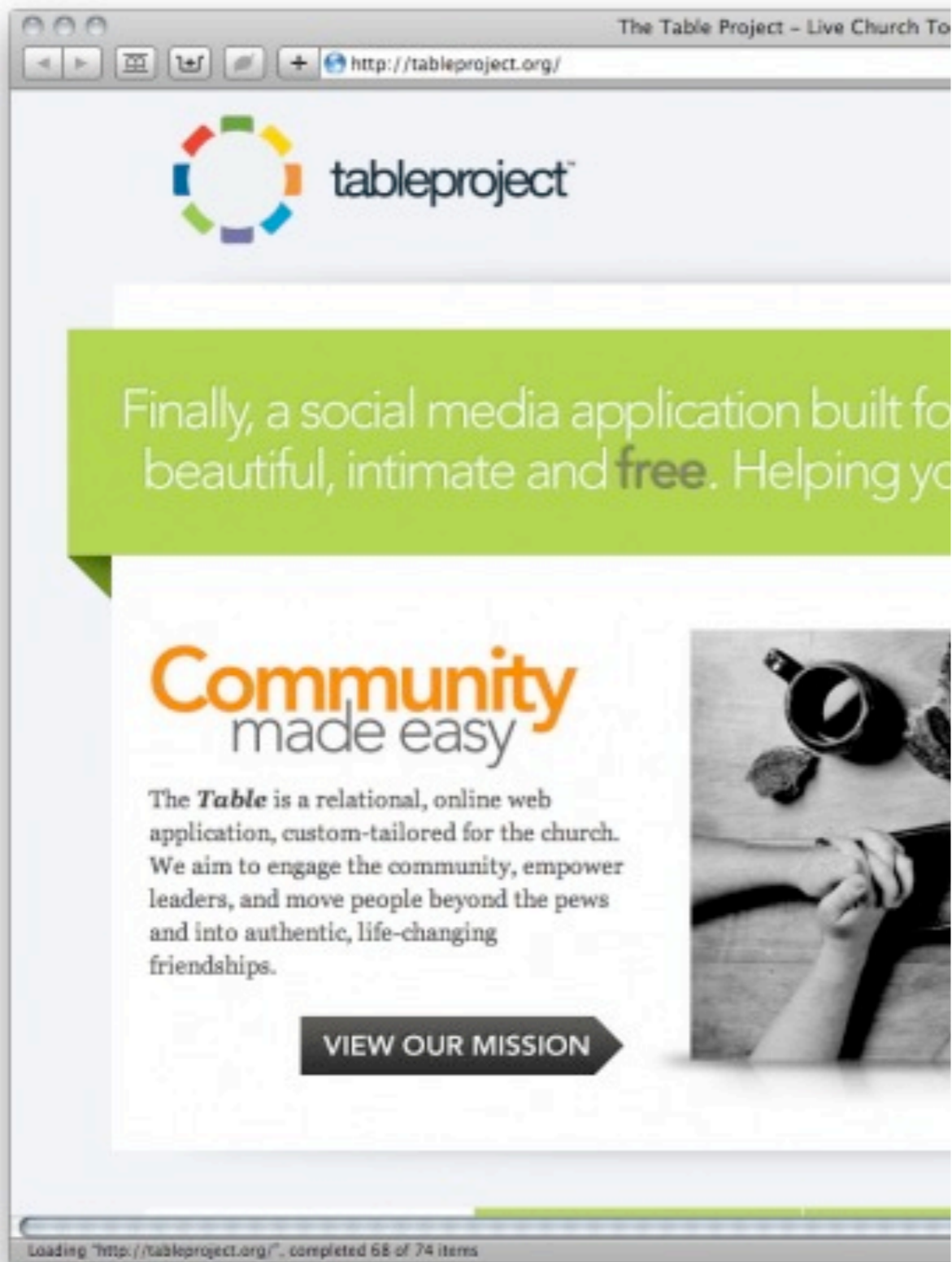




a theological spectrum of response



spectrum stretches from Dobson to Scharen and beyond



from GodTube and the Table Project to FeAutor

so what might be practical for this community?

# Lutheran hints

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- law and Gospel
- saint and sinner
- theology of the cross
- emphasis on goodness of embodied life, and the ways in which the ordinary mediates God's self-disclosure
- look back towards our predecessors in history



so what do we do?

we learn to discern in community

# community

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- those we know and live with
- those around us in our neighborhoods and globally
- those before us in time
- those who lived with Jesus and shared their knowing in the Bible
- even those we call enemy





# remember

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- critical acceptance of the secular (2 kingdoms)
- because we are prone to err badly...
- we favor intellectual humility
- we favor approaches that serve the neighbor





remember: people are creating in their own contexts

Q & A

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