

Comparison of NT Church to Today's Church in America

God's Design for the Church

Fellowship based on mutual
Experience with the Lord

Prayed a lot

Based decisions on what God was doing

Bold in sharing faith in Christ

Holy Spirit led the church

High accountability to living their faith

Adjusted lives to commands of scripture

Outward focused, doing ministry and evangelism

Vision: take the Gospel to the world

Started churches

Baptized many

Saw God moving in amazing ways

Following God = obedience

World revolves around Jesus

Submission to God and leaders

Grew spiritually

Evangelism: invite people to Christ

Agenda: whatever God was doing

Give until the need is met

American Design for Church

Fellowship based on meal and friendship

Pray little

Base decisions on majority vote

Few share faith, and then sharing weakly

Committees lead the church

Low accountability

People fail to adjust lives to scripture

Inward focus, ministry and evangelism
inside the church

Vision: self-centered, comfortable church
life

Few interested in church starting

Baptize few

Seldom notice God moving

Following God = attend church

World revolves around me

Control what I can

Not concerned with spiritual growth

Evangelism: invite people to church

Agenda: whatever we want to do

Give some of what is left over after
spending on me