

Review of: "Unveiling the Hidden Harvest: A Study on the Influence of House Churches on New Testament Evangelism"

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A bit too many parts of repetition, where more could be said in fewer words. Of course, interesting concepts found within the "house-church" include the oikos itself, which was very female-centric and directed towards the honour/shame boundary system and purity concerns. This actually led to unrest within the communities, as Paul discusses in Corinthians - It might have been an interesting angle to add to the article, but I know this is not your focus. You could also look at John Kloppenborg's work, as he is an expert in early Christian communities and churches, especially the spread of the church. Paul also likes to use fictive familial language, which also plays into the home/house narrative and established not only peace but also a dispensational theology within these small communities - we are all now brothers and sisters, with God as the father.

I also think more sources could have been consulted, especially primary sources (words like 'comprehensive' are used after consulting only 2 or three sources). The fact that no citations have page numbers attached is also a point of concern, as it limits my ability to read the source and follow the research.

This article is a good summary of the intended focus and does a good job of clarifying in the Introduction what it aims to do. I would have liked a bit more of an explanation of what is meant by the author as New Testament Evangelism, as surely there are many types of Evangelical movements in the world - I gather that the author is writing from their local community perspective.

I generally agree with the impact and importance of the topic the article addresses; I especially appreciate the focus on Inter-Religious Dialogue and fostering community.