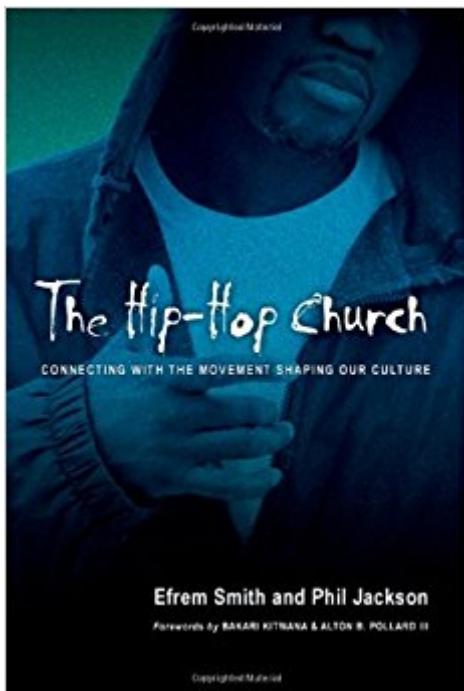


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# The Hip-Hop Church: Connecting With The Movement Shaping Our Culture



## Synopsis

Hip-hop is here. The beats ring out in our cities. Hip-hop culture is all around us: in the clothes youth wear, in the music they listen to, in the ways they express themselves. It is the language they speak, the rhythm they move to. It is a culture familiar with the hard realities of our broken world; the generation raised with rap knows about the pain. They need to know about the hope. Enter the hip-hop church. Like the culture it rises from, the hip-hop church is relevant and bold. And it speaks to the heart. In this book, pastors Efrem Smith and Phil Jackson show the urgency of connecting hip-hop culture and church to reach a generation with the gospel of Jesus Christ. They give practical ideas from their urban churches and other hip-hop churches about how to engage and incorporate rap, break dancing, poetry and deejays to worship Jesus and preach his Word. Hip-hop culture is shaping the next generation. Ignoring it will not reduce its influence; it will only separate us from the youth moving to its rhythm. How will they hear Christ's message of truth and hope if we don't speak their language? And how can we speak their language if we don't understand and embrace their culture? Hear the beat. Join the beat. Become the beat that brings truth and hope to a hungry, hurting generation.

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This book is like long over due I wish these cats could have written it like years ago, because it is so needed to help the church to understand. I like this book alot because it gave you both an understanding of Hip Hop History, its impact in the streets and its connection with the church. This

needs to be in every Pastors Library.

this book is a must read of any minister, youth worker, dj, music worker, or anyone dealing with the youth wanting to use the hip hop culture.

Efrem Smith and Phil Jackson's **THE HIP-HOP CHURCH: CONNECTING WITH THE MOVEMENT SHAPING OUR CULTURE** provides an important survey which advocates reaching spiritual souls through their own language - the music of hiphop. From understanding hiphop culture to bringing it into the church, any involved in a church and seeking to involve urban youth must have **THE HIP-HOP CHURCH**: it's an inspirational survey of how to reach out in an alternative manner.

This is a great look at Hip-Hop culture and theology. I strongly recommend it, especially if you are in a ministry setting like mine: rural white and older. My congregation understands next to nothing about hip-hop culture and reacts with fear when confronted by it. This book gave some great insights that better equipped me to have discussions with my parishoners and help them to understand the cultural differences.

Efrem and Jackson do a great job bridging the gap between the hip hop generation and the church. They engage one without the defaming the the other. Great book and informative. it also gives diffrent ways to use hip hop in youth ministries.

This is definitely a must have for any Leader who works with teens and is looking for ways to impact a future generation.

My book club and I will love reading this book. Thanks for sending it in a timely manner.

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