

Suggested Interview Questions for Francis Chan Author of *Letters to the Church*

*“Don’t you get excited about the possibility of killing the consumer mentality in the American Church?
I dream of this happening in my lifetime, and I’m excited to give what remains of my life to it.”*

--Francis Chan

- You and your wife Lisa founded Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, CA, when you were just 26 years old. Cornerstone grew into a megachurch, but you write of regrets about your leadership during that time. What are your regrets?
- After you resigned from Cornerstone, you traveled through Asia visiting underground churches and pastors. What were the differences you noted between Asian churches and American churches?
- When you returned to the U.S., what was your deepest desire for the American church?
- Your church-planting and discipleship ministry is now focused on the San Francisco area. How does your team envision church differently than you did when founding a church 25 years ago?
- How has a consumer mentality shaped the American church in this century?
- In *Letters to the Church*, you compare going to church with going to a birthday party. Retell that story for us.
- Much of the energy among Christians focuses on getting people to show up on Sundays. If creating a bigger, better pep rally isn't the right goal, where should we focus instead?
- You devote an entire chapter of your new book to pastors. What is the difference between being a good leader and being a spirit-filled pastor?
- You write that “Holy Spirit love and unity” are not confined to persecuted countries. How do we turn our “safe” American churches into “wild” places of fearless joy?
- How do you envision the future of the American Church? Do you see mega-churches receding as micro-churches multiply?
- What are the benefits of a church community not owning a building? Do you think every church should move this direction?
- You write that this is one of the happiest seasons of your life. Why so?

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