

F. What is church hurt?

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Church hurt is a term used to describe the pain or emotional damage someone may experience in a church setting. It can be caused by the words, actions, or inactions of church leaders, members, or representatives. Church hurt can be intentional or unintentional, and can take many forms.

G. What is NOT church hurt

III. RECAPITULATION: DRILLING DOWN AND BEING CLEAR ON WHAT CHURCH HURT IS

A. Remember, many definitions include many types of church hurt.

Church hurt can be defined and described as the pain, agony, anger, frustrations, experiences, or disappointments caused by THE PEOPLE who work for or represent THE INSTITUTION of the church, or by the people who participate in the activities and ministries of the church.

B. *No one is immune from experiencing church hurt.* It can happen to those in the pulpit and those in the pew, as well as public and private persons.

1. Mansfield examples from Chapter 2
 - a. John Wesley
 - b. George Whitefield
 - c. St. Patrick
 - d. Jonathan Edwards
 - e. Vincent Van Gogh
 - f. Bono, the lead singer of U2.

C. The nature of humanity

1. In general. We are Genesis 3 people!
2. Of church leadership, in particular
3. “It’s all in how you *were trained* to look at it.” We were trained to look at the church as a **“place of perfection.”**

⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. – Matthew 5:48

4. There’s a difference between *perfection* and *maturity*.

IV. MISCELLANEOUS MUSINGS

