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I am a member of the blog you can find at NewSmallChurch.com. I get one or two emails a day telling me there is another article that I—as a pastor of a small church—might find interesting.

The one I read today was about asking the right question when it comes to church size. The author, Karl Vaters, writes that the idea that large churches are successful and small churches are unsuccessful is wrongheaded. Saying one church size is best makes as much sense as saying one shoe size is best. Anyone who has been shoe shopping knows that isn't the case. A size 7 shoe isn't the best one if you're trying to cram it on a size 12 foot. Vater writes, "Instead of asking 'what's the best church size?' we need to ask 'what's the best church size for a given situation?'"

So let me ask you this: where does your church find itself, and what is your church supposed to be in that place? Figuring out the answers to those questions is key to your church's ability to fulfill God's call, and your congregation's size may have nothing to do with it.