How are we doing? The church, that is. And how are we doing it? Congregations have long measured success by “bodies, budget, and buildings” – a certain record of attendance, the offering plate, and the square footage. But the scorecard can’t stop there. When it does, the deeper emphasis on accountability, discipleship, and spiritual maturity is lost. Ignoring these details, we see fewer lives transformed, Christian influence wane, and churches thin out – a situation that is all too familiar across North America today.

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