

HUB Talks 

What did Jesus mean when he said: “I will build my *Church*”?



Presenter
Frederick

Session outline

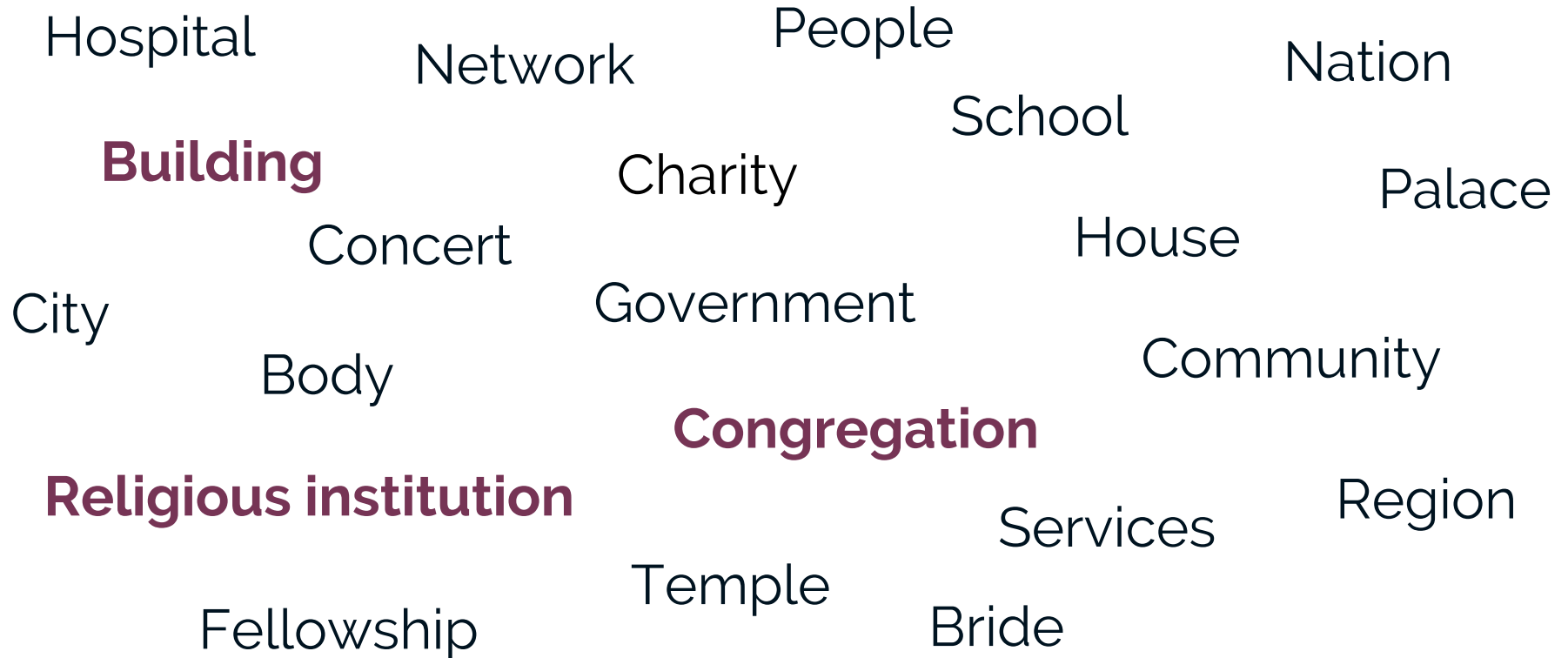
What is the session about? This month we will be exploring the Ekklesia.

Why is it important? Citizen's need to understand our purpose in this age?

What are the learning outcomes? What is the ekklesia? Why it's different from the Church? How we should function?

What level of response (*spectating, participation, collaboration, strategic*) is required? *Spectating and some participation.*

Top two words when you think of Church?

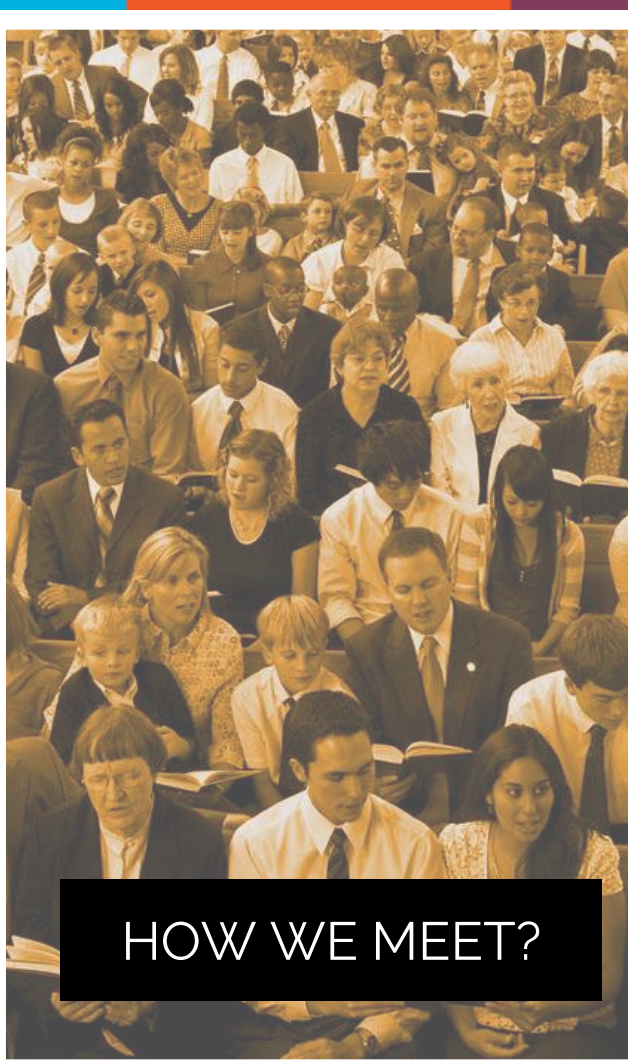


A word cloud of terms associated with church. The words are arranged in a scattered pattern. The words 'Building', 'Congregation', and 'Religious institution' are highlighted in a dark red color, while all other words are in black. The words include: Hospital, Network, People, Nation, School, Charity, Palace, Concert, House, City, Government, Community, Body, Congregation, Religious institution, Region, Fellowship, Temple, Services, and Bride.

Hospital Network People Nation
School
Building Charity Palace
Concert House
City Government Community
Body
Congregation
Religious institution Region
Fellowship Temple Services
Bride



WHERE WE GO?

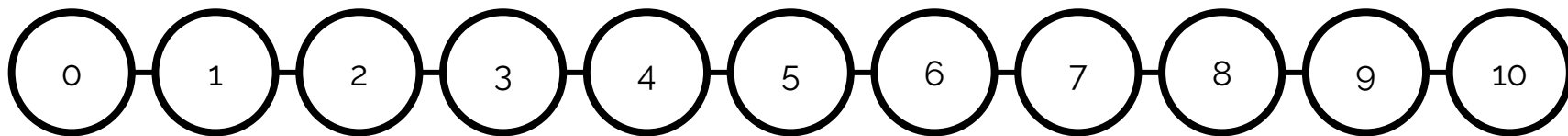


HOW WE MEET?



WHAT WE DO?

People often describe the church by what they see people doing rather than who Christ is and what he is doing?



Strongly Disagree

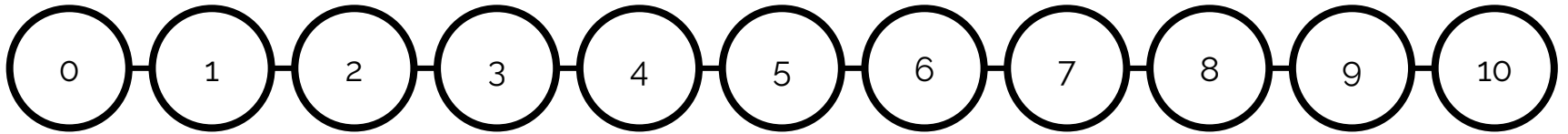
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CHURCH AGE & DENOMINATIONALISM

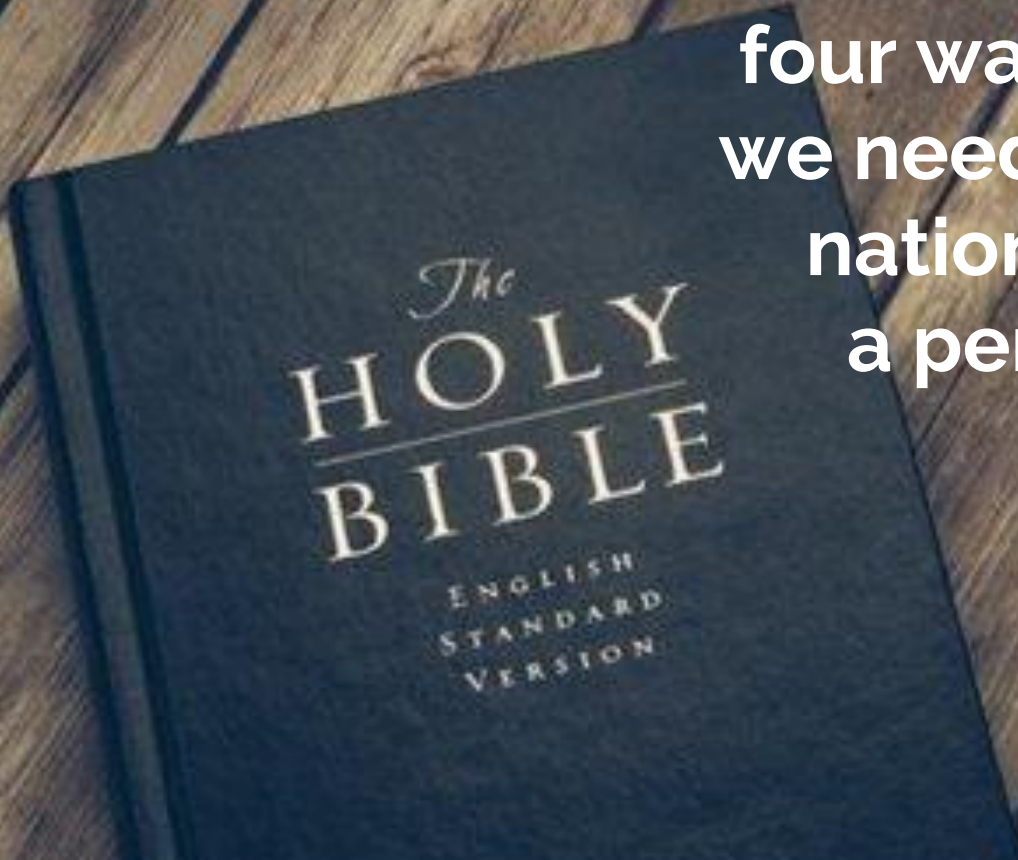
Doesn't matter the style of frames the lenses are the still the same.

By entering the church have we been locked out of the kingdom?



Strongly Disagree

Strongly Agree

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**“To be delivered from the
four walls of the church
we need to see God as a
nation builder not just
a personal deliverer”**

Frederick Tobun

God the nation builder



Adam and Eve **CALLED** to produce a nation.

Abraham **CALLED OUT** by the promise of a nation and a vision of a city.

Nation in bondage.

Slaves in Egypt

Moses is sent by God to **CALL OUT** the children of Israel from Egypt.



Israel resist God's authority, law and government which means they take forty years going around in circles in the wilderness.

Israel enter Canaan a nation of citizens..

God the nation builder



Israel struggle to maintain dominion.

Whilst Israel chose a king to rule over them, God **CALLS OUT** his own King.

Israel rises to become a global power in the region.

Through idolatry Israel falls into apostasy and the kingdom divides.

Out of the ashes the prophets begin to see visions of a new kingdom.

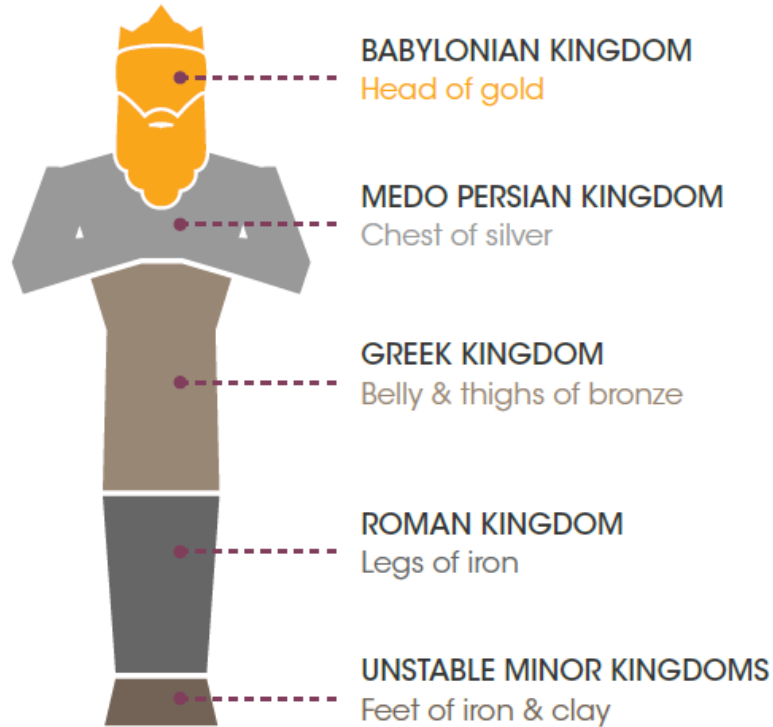
Numerous men such as Nehemiah and Ezra are **CALLED OUT** of Babylon to rebuild the city of Jerusalem and the temple.

Prophecy of a new covenant and King.

The prophets also begin to see the future of the kingdoms of men.

Daniel:

God the nation destroyer



Read Daniel 2: 31-35

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Inasmuch as you saw that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it broke in pieces the iron, the bronze, the clay, the silver, and the gold—the great God has made known to the king what WILL COME TO PASS after this. The dream is certain, and its interpretation is sure.”

Daniel 3: 44-45

Matthew 24:2,6

And Jesus said to them, "Do you not see all these things? Assuredly, I say to you, not one stone shall be left here upon another, that shall not be thrown down."

"And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom."

New testament begins with:

- A declaration of a new kingdom.

In the gospels Jesus warns of:

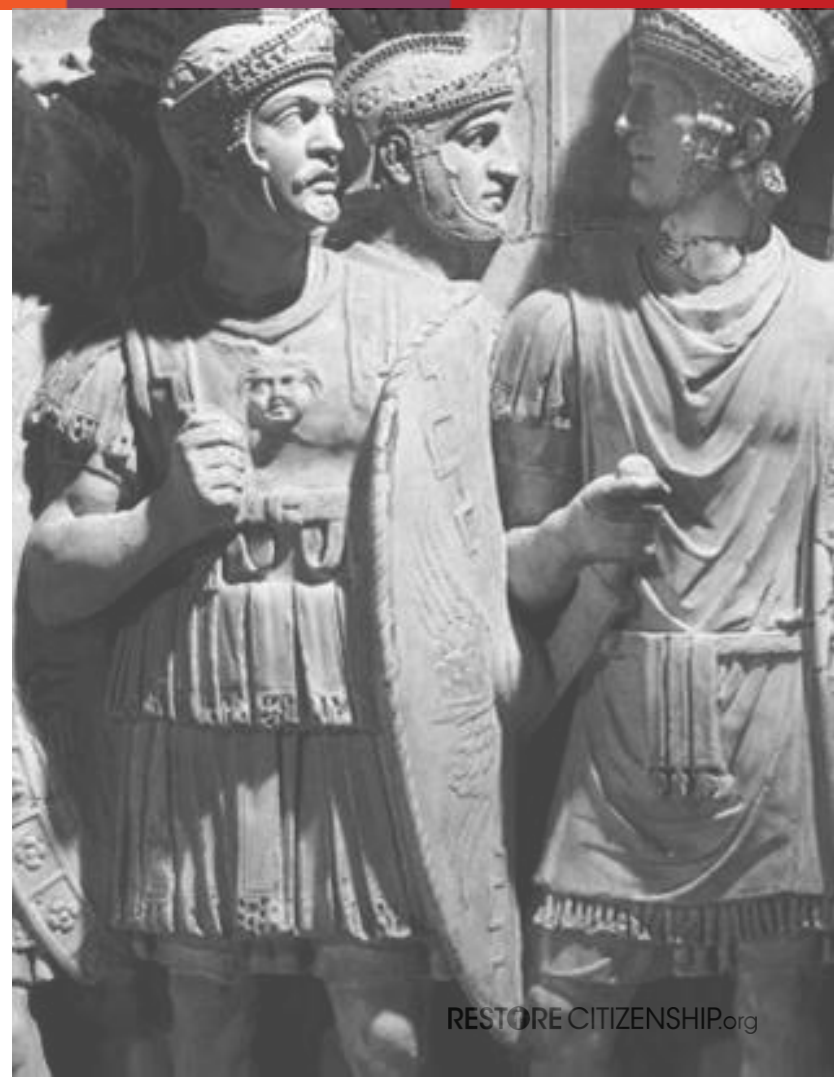
- a. The impending destruction of the city of Jerusalem and its temple (Romans 70 AD).
- b. The end of the age marked by the destruction of nations.


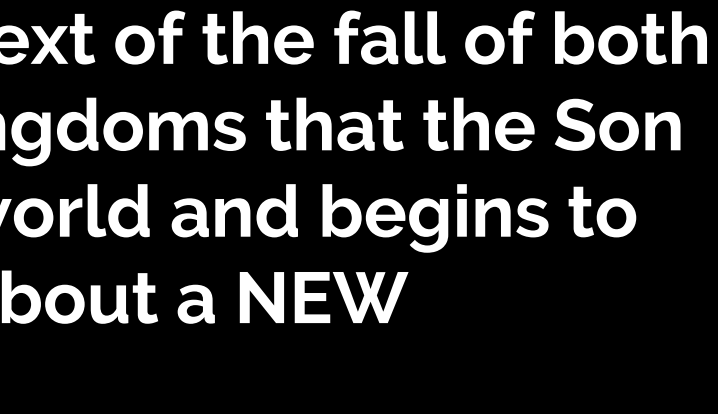


Read Daniel 7, Matthew 23-25

New testament begins with:

- An empire on the verge of decline.
- Overexpansion and military overspending caused rising taxes..
- Reliance on slave labour.
- Impending military loses.
- A weakened empire that nations would soon seek to plunder.

Read Daniel 7, Matthew 23-25



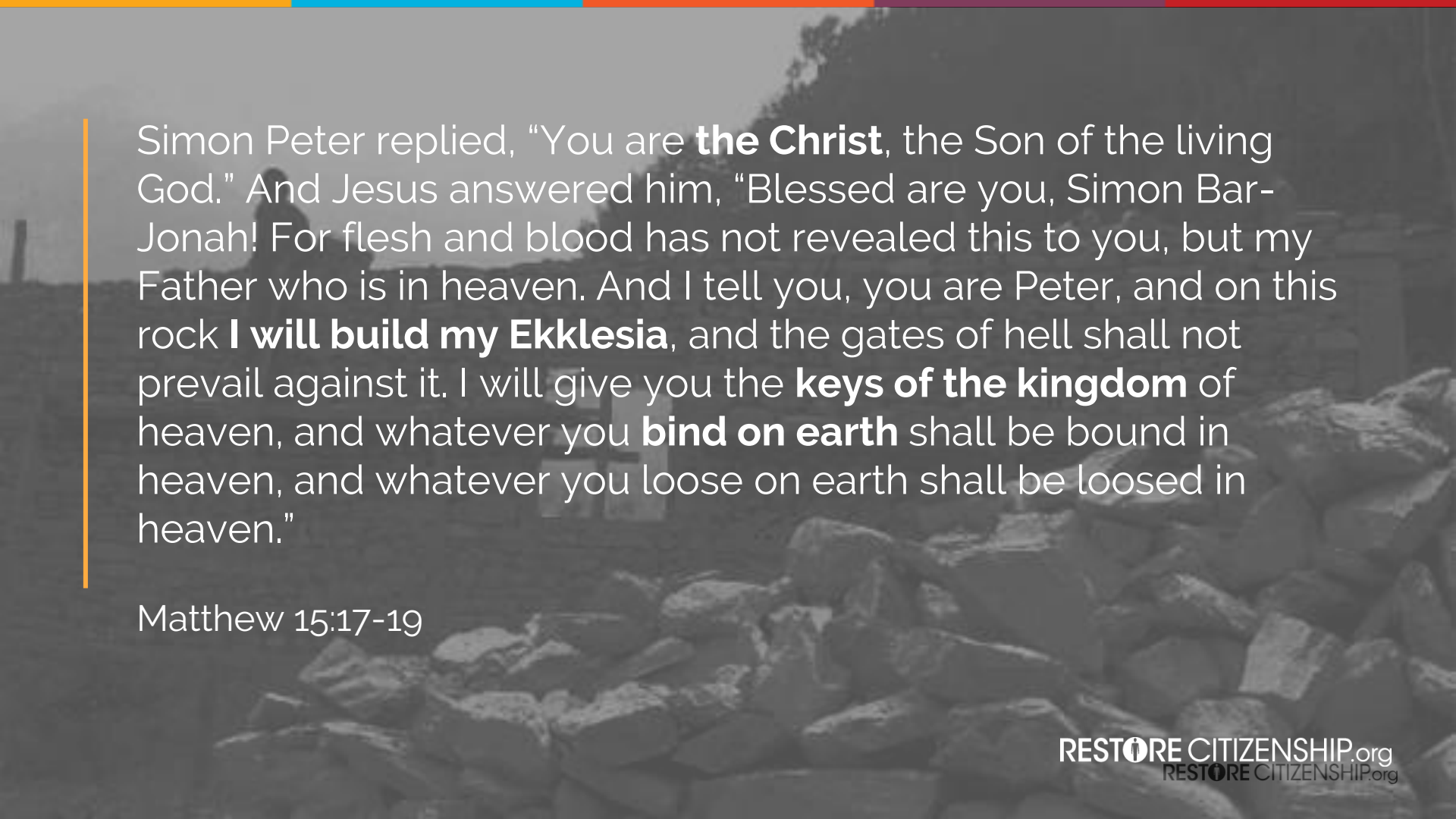


It is within the context of the fall of both Jew and Gentile kingdoms that the Son of God enters the world and begins to preach and teach about a NEW KINGDOM.

In keeping with Isaiah 9:6 and knowing of the impending fall of kings, capitals and dynasties, Jesus drew his disciples close to him to discuss the rise of a new kingdom. A new power, government and legacy.

This new kingdom would arise from the ashes of the fallen kingdoms by inviting men into the liberty of Christ's kingdom becoming citizenship in his commonwealth.





Simon Peter replied, “You are **the Christ**, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock **I will build my Ekklesia**, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the **keys of the kingdom** of heaven, and whatever you **bind on earth** shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

Matthew 15:17-19

The question isn't what is the Church?

The question should be what is Christ building which reflects his **divinity** and **sovereignty**?

In keeping with the spirit of the Old and New Testament Christ is building a nation. This is summed up by Paul the apostle in Ephesians 2:14-22

Nations are composed of authority, law, government, citizenship and culture.

Ekklesia

“Ekklesia”

A “called out” assembly...

Mentioned in the New Testament about

115 times

Church

“Kyriakon” (Kirk)

...pertaining to the lord

Mentioned in the New Testament

2 times

Ekklesia

The ekklesia is:

- A governing body.
- An assembly of citizens.
- A judicial entity.
- A people with a distinct body of law and government.
- A people with distinct qualities of citizenship and culture.

Church

The Church is known for being:

- A religious building.
- A group of members meeting for ceremonies and services.
- A religious entity.
- A group of people espousing specific doctrine.
- A group of people with a religion.

Ekklesia

The ekklesia:

- See salvation as a transition from one form of government to another.
- Sees the term born again as a constitutional change that is conducive with the beginning of kingdom living.
- Sees the ekklesia as an environment whereby discipleship equals maturity with full understanding of citizenship.
- Sees citizens living out citizenship and culture independently from locality.

Church

The church commonly sees;

- Salvation as saved from sin.
- Believers are saved into the church.
- Believers have an abstract understanding of the kingdom.
- Believers need to constantly recharge at religious centre.

Ekklesia

The ekklesia is:

- Territorially focused.
- An assembly of citizens.
- Motivated to increase governance by expanding theocracy.
- Engaged through education.
- Focused on high culture.
- Operationally focused.

Church

The church are more commonly known for being:

- Building focused.
- Motivated to gain converts.
- Religiously motivated.
- Driven to sustain status quo.
- Engaged by preaching.
- Not focused on changing culture.
- Entertainment focused.

To the seven
ekklesia in the
province of Asia...

Revelations 1

As empires fall how are we
contributing to God's nation
building programme?



Questions...



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Is there a difference between the Church and the Ekklesia?

Presenter

Tim Kurtz

Date

Sunday 10th
May 2020

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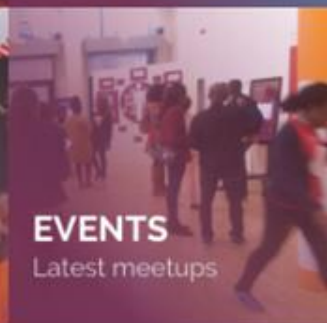
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