Session 2 of 6

OKM Bootcamp Training



COACH- NOTES

Training and Coaching for Home Congregations Session #2 Part #1 "What Is Church?"

In this Session we dig deep into the origin and meaning of the word "Church." What is the true definition of the word? Where did it come from? How did we get the word "Church" in our English Bibles? Hopefully, we will begin to see that what we have built as "Church" and what Jesus said He would build, "Ekklesia" are not even close to being the same.

DISCUSSION TIME

READING, EKKLESIA RISING. Chapters 4-6

VIDEO, "WHAT IS CHURCH?" Ask them to summarize the dictionary definition of the word "Church." Discuss with them the differences between wat we have known as "Church" and what Jesus said HE would build. Screen Share with them William Tyndale's translation, the first translation into English, done some 90 years before the KJV, of Matthew 16:18 https://www.biblestudytools.com/tyn/matthew/16-18.html

PRAYER TIME

PERSONAL NEEDS, What personal Prayer needs do you have for us to pray about this week?

MINISTRY NEEDS, What are some prayer needs that you have about starting a Home Congregation?

APPLICATION - ACTIVATION

They were supposed to have ask their friends what comes to their minds when they think of the word "Church." Get some feedback. What did your friends have to say?

NEXT SESSION • Briefly Preview the next Session • Confirm next Week's Coach-Call

Send email with link to next video
 Include links to other resources

Session #2 Part #2 The Authority of the Ekklesia

In this session we will discover that Christ has given the authority of the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven to the Ekklesia. He has given us the assignment to bind on earth what is already bound in Heaven and loose on earth what is already loosed in Heaven. In this session the GATES OF HADES, THE KEYS OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, and BINDING and LOOSING will be explained with powerful illustration and practical application.

DISCUSSION TIME

READING – Chapters 4 – 6 of Ekklesia Rising by Dean Briggs

VIDEO Ask, "What do you understand about the authority Christ has given to the Ekklesia?" (over death, the grave, & all evil) (See Luke 10:19 NKJV) Discuss ways in which Ekklesia is on the "Offensive" and the church is on the "Defensive." (See II Cor. 10:3-5) What are "Keys"? Who did Christ give the "Keys" to? What does "Bind" mean? (forbid) What does "Loose" mean" mean? (permit)

PRAYER TIME

PERSONAL Share any of your own personal or family prayer needs with them, then ask them to do the same.

MINISTRY By this time there should be some relationships developing, if they did the Application – Activation of the first three Sessions. As them to share how it going?

APPLICATION - ACTIVATION

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Chapter 4 of Ekklesia Rising - Christ the Lord

So before we can gain the full benefit of Peter's confession, "You are the Christ," as well as Jesus's reply, "Upon this rock I will build my Ekklesia," we must quickly immerse ourselves in that world. I will utilize four arenas of thought to expand our understanding. I will summarize the first three in this chapter, but the fourth requires a chapter unto itself. We must understand Christ according to: The Culture of Caesar The Messianic Psalms Philippians 2 The Divine Name: Lord Sabaoth

The Culture of Caesar

Ancient Near East rulers were regarded as gods. This was typical of both the region and the times.32 Acts of fealty included bowing, along with vows of loyalty. No one was permitted to defy Caesar, who, along with his son, was regarded as divine. Emperor deification followed a clearly prescribed pattern, with fifty-five Caesars being deified after their death.

In a sense, we're all programmed by divine prerogative to anticipate certain realities. While the process of deifying mortal kings is a gross act of idolatry, it also represents a persistent tribal anticipation of the true Messiah. In every culture, something latent cries out for Christ to be revealed.

The Messianic Psalms

While a first century worldview is helpful, ultimately, we understand the truth of Christ through the lens of Scripture, not culture. "Christ" is a title, not a last name; the simplest and most profound understanding of Christ is "The Anointed One." Likewise, to comprehend the magnitude of this title as the disciples would have understood it, the Jewish frame of reference rooted in Psalm 2 and Psalm 110 is most helpful. While many other passages are also messianic, these two psalms penned by King David express the heart and soul of Jewish messianic expectation:

Chapter 5 of Ekklesia Rising – Lord Sabaoth

Chapter 5 Lord Sabaoth

The Divine Name – Lord Sabaoth

The Lord of hosts is drafting a rulership-minded people who are willing to contend in love, humility, prayer and fasting for the breaking of demonic strongholds.

The Divine Warrior and King

God wants us to know Him as a warrior.

The warrior was spoiling for a fight. He had multiple objectives: To multiply signs and wonders throughout Egypt (Exo. 7:3). To humiliate the gods of Egypt (Exo. 12:2, cf. Num. 33:4).52 To bear witness among the Egyptians that He was the true God (Exo. 14:4). To bring honor to Himself "through Pharaoh...his army...chariots...horsemen" (Exo. 14:17).

- 3. God's triumph is on behalf of His people. The direct recipients are oppressed and downtrodden humans. Slaves are liberated. The weak are made strong. As already stated, Lord Sabaoth fights to restore justice. (This will be explored more later.)
- 4. God receives greater praise and recognition as a result of His victories in war.
- 5. Other nations and gods should fear Him. The breaking of Egypt is a shot across the bow of other Canaanite tribes. Yahweh's clear intent is to continue His victorious march over other god-kings. Sensing this, the Canaanite rulers rightly fear Yahweh and His people.

Part of the reason Lord Sabaoth answered Hannah's prayers is because He is committed to restorative justice for all under the oppression of Satan, suffering in a fallen world.

Lord Sabaoth comes to defend those with no reputation, nor rights, and no recourse to achieve their own justice.

Lord Sabaoth does not emasculate His people to achieve peace. He empowers them. We must avoid human sentimentality in our conception of God's shalom. Peace is not some gauzy, idealized pacifist notion where everybody mutually agrees to lay down arms. Don't kid yourself. Satan will never behave with an ounce of restraint, kindness or due process. He must be forcibly restrained.

Chapter 6 of Ekklesia Rising The Dominion Thread



In Jericho, the harlot Rahab tied a "cord of scarlet thread" to her window, marking her home to be spared by Joshua's troops. Some see this as the origin of the "red light" tradition for houses of prostitution. This may be true. Yet for Rahab, that scarlet thread was the beginning of her redemption.

Rulership has been the divine plan for man from the beginning. "Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule'...And God blessed them; and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth'" (Gen. 1:26, 28).

God's first pronouncement was that Adam was meant to rule. While he was created in the context of divine fellowship—"let Us make man"—by which we understand that Adam's deepest source of life, joy and satisfaction was God Himself, Adam's job description was to rule!

All of creation was to be subject to man. Why? This is a simple case of cause and effect. How can humanity bear God's image and not rule? It demeans the complete rulership of God to populate the earth with image bearers who have no capacity for dominion. Intimacy may be what moves God's heart, but dominion gives Him honor.

The Job Description To exercise Christ's dominion over Satan is to rule on Earth.

in every slice of redemptive history, we see God calling His people back to their rightful place of rulership.

This is such a clear picture of productive, successful living that we are tempted to disbelieve. Yet God is committed to building a nation of kings and priests who understand and express His rule over the train wreck of sin's influence until the dominion of sin totally bows before the dominion of Christ. As others have said, we are being "trained to reign."

This is the heart of God, that we partner with Him in prayer until the triumph of Lord Sabaoth is made manifest on earth. When we speak, He listens, unleashing the armies of heaven, dethroning rulers of iniquity, bringing ruin to His enemies.

When you think of the word church, what picture comes to mind?

Great love for the people of Gods church. Not church bashing.

Basic Definition of the word church – A building for public worship. Clergy or officialdom of a religious body. A body or organization of religious believers. A denomination. A public worship service. A clerical profession.

Historical study of the word – Etymology. An old English word Kirche, Kerk Greek Kurikon.

Used once by Paul and once by John, but not to refer to a building. Constantine's vision sign of the cross. As a result of this Christianity became the state religion 325AD. Kurikon was a pagan meeting place. Christians were then allowed to meet in those buildings. Kuriacon Doma. The lord's house.. Placed under a pagan king. Constantine started the first church.

King James – Henry VIII wanted to divorce his wife. Pope would not allow it so Henry made himself the head of the church. He enacted the divine rite of the king. New leader of the Church of England.

King James did not translate the first bible into English. Tyndale translated it and used the word congregation for Ekklesia. James didn't like that translation. He appointed 47 Anglican bishops to translate using church or Ekklesia.

Is church and Ekklesia the same thing? Called out assembly, Ruling Council of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, Governmental, serving in their communities as ambassadors.

Jesus said, "I will build my Ekklesia" He didn't mean build buildings. He sent out ambassadors for the kingdom of heaven

Application & Activation Survey friends, relatives or others. What do you think of when you hear the word church? What comes to mind?



Video Highlights What is Church?

Video Highlights - The authority of the Ekklesia

Matthew 16:14-19

Gates – What are the gates of Hades? Place of human sacrifice. A place of death. God of underworld. He was a god of death. Statue of hades he has keys of death. (Authority) Ekklesia has authority and power over the gates of hades. Church has been defensive, Ekklesia is to be offensive.

Keys -I've given you the keys. Authority given by Christ to the Ekklesia(ruling council)not church. Plural – there are many keys. Given to unlock treasures. Matt w3:13 Woes

Bind - Greek word Deow, wind, forbid. Given authority to forbid here on earth what is forbidden in heaven. Apply to individual demons but also to cities and regions.

Loose – Lusas (loosen, break up, destroy, put off, permitting). Heaven has loosed things to us, our world, our community. Matthew 16:19 amp. Loose gifts of the Holy Spirit

Illustration of Peter being loosed from prison.

Application & Activation- Divine Appointment. Take advantage and authority to pray, to bind and loose.

Applications & Activations

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