

# Session 3 of 6

OKM Bootcamp Training



# COACH-NOTES Training & Coaching for Home Congregations

## Session #3 Part #1 “The Mission of the Ekklesia”

As Jesus was about to ascend to heaven, leaving earth and His Disciples behind, He gave them a final mission assignment. That mission assignment is called The Great Commission. It has not been replaced. It is still in force. In this session we explore the meaning and application of the Mission of the Ekklesia.

VIDEO What are the 4 action words of the Great Commission? (Go, make disciples, baptize them, teach them everything) After Jesus Called the first disciples to “Follow Me” what are some of their “first steps” in following HIM? (preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, healing people, delivering the demonized, doing good deeds)

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## Session #3 Part #2 “The Message of the Ekklesia

What should be the Message of the Ekklesia? It should be the same message that Jesus Preached and the same message that Paul preached in the Book of Acts. We have not been given permission to change that message. In this session we will discover that both Jesus and Paul preached the message of, “The Kingdom of Heaven.”

### DISCUSSION TIME

**VIDEO** Lead a discussion that will compare and contrast the Message of the Church vs. the Message of the Kingdom of God. Discuss the statement, “Jesus’s healing and deliverance of people was an ON-RAMP for teaching & preaching about the Kingdom of God.”

**READING** We will summarize Chapters 7-9 of Ekklesia Rising.

### PRAYER TIME

**PERSONAL** Pray for anyone in the Class that may have illness or pain. Demonstrate praying for people to be healed in Jesus Name.

**MINISTRY** Pray for more connections and Divine Appointments with people that need to be healed or delivered from demonic oppression.

### APPLICATION – ACTIVATION

This week they were to “GO.” Ask if they went? They were to be looking for someone who needs help. Ask if they found anyone needing help? Did they get to pray for healing for someone? Share stories.

This week they were asked to get together with some friends and do a Bible Study discussion on what Jesus & the disciples preached in the Gospels & the Book of Acts. As them, “How did the Bible Study go?” Also, they were asked to “GO” to & to pray for someone. Ask them to share their stories.

**NEXT SESSION** • Give a brief preview of next week’s session • Confirm the day & time of next session

• Send email with a link to next video • Include links to any other resources



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# Session #3 Part #1 Video Notes

The mission of the Ekklesia was the Great Commission

A fundamental operating policy. Follow the last command given.

This commission is still in force. His last command should be our first concern.

His last command to us was to Go vs come, Make Disciples, Baptize, Teach them to observe all things. (Things He did and things he taught.

Follow Me – On the job training. Matt 4:18-22 - Jesus Calls His First Disciples

First steps – Teaching & Preaching, Gospel of the kingdom, Healing,

The church preaches and teaches the gospel of the church and is leaving things out.

Here is what Jesus did and we should do the same: Jesus healed all kinds of sickness and disease.

Jesus is our standard. He is our pattern. Compare ourselves to Him, not one another.

Jesus is sending us. He is calling us to do greater works so that His work is multiplied.

When we see someone in need we should ask ourselves WWJD?.

Russ shared a story of a healing.

These signs will follow those who believe – Cast out demons, Mark 16:15-18

15 He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.”

If we aren't doing the things that He said would happen, are we truly following Him?



# Session #3 Video #2 Notes -The Message of the Ekklesia

The same message that Jesus preached.

He didn't preach sermons on deliverance or healing, worship, salvation, himself never told us to preach about Him.

The church preaches the entrance point into the kingdom of God. They preach and teach on church membership. They preach on learning to minister inside the box.

Jesus preached 1<sup>st</sup> message Matthew 4:17. Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. It is here! It's now!

Everywhere He went He preached the gospel of the kingdom. Mark 4:23, Luke 4:43.

In Matthew 13 Jesus said, the kingdom of heaven is like...; 10,11 why parables because it's been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. Ekklesia is to know the message of the kingdom of heaven

Matt 12:28. Casting out demons is evidence that the kingdom of God has come.

As the headship is restored to the Ekklesia, power will begin to be expended.

Last sermon – Mt. Of olives. The gospel of the kingdom will be preached all over the world, then the end will come.

USA. Launching pad for the end time harvest.

Jesus hung around for 40 more days before going to heaven. Spoke about the kingdom of God.

The Ekklesia's message is to be the kingdom message.

Paul preached the gospel of the kingdom. Matthew 10:7-8. Heavens kingdom realm is accessible.



# Chapter 7 – The Divine Council

## The Divine Council

How does God structure the government of Heaven? and 2) how might that govern the culture, constitution and mission of the Ekklesia?

Types and shadows are like clues sprinkled in a good mystery novel, so that the climax of the book makes sense. It's saying this earthly construction of poles, sheets, rooms, tables and altars is "patterned" after something. The tabernacle isn't a prop, it's a copy of the real thing! Yes, it's a symbol by which we understand deep theological truths, but it's not only a symbol. It's also a specific recreation on Earth of something that actually exists in Heaven. Let me be more direct: in the tabernacle, a piece of Heaven literally touched Earth. God emailed the specs so that Moses, as general contractor, could build Heaven on Earth!

Moses's tabernacle and Solomon's temple are more than symbols, they are mirrors. They prefigure the heavenly temple, where God rules a court from a throne. The construction of that court bears directly upon our understanding of the ekklesia.

Thus we come, in Scripture, to the Divine Council.

The divine council offers a model of how God operates the universe to achieve His aims for and through Israel and all humankind. In his essay entitled, "Visions of the Divine Council in the Hebrew Bible," Paul B. Sumner says the divine council:

"...is one of the Bible's ways of describing how God maintains order in the Creation. Working through innumerable hosts of angelic servants, God creates and rules the physical universe, as well as the world of men. In his position as head of the council, God holds three primary offices: King, Judge, and Warrior. He is absolute ruler over all. He makes judicial decisions about the activities of its occupants. And he initiates punitive actions against those forces (divine or human) which cause chaos and disorder (i.e. sin), in order to restore tzedakah (righteousness) and shalom (wholeness, peace). His obedient angels serve him in each of his corresponding offices. In his royal throne-room, they praise their King and act as his official counselors, courtiers, and messengers. As members of the court, they act as witnesses, investigating detectives, bailiffs, and perhaps fellow judges. As members of the Warrior's vast army, they wage war on evil beings."

When we realize that the tabernacle of Moses not only symbolizes the temple in Heaven, but actually mimics it, the only proper response is to be stunned. An entirely fresh view of our role on planet Earth opens to us, especially since each and every human is a divine image-bearer in our own right. You are a living revelation of God.

This means we've come to a turning point in this book. We've reached critical mass. Here's the teaser: If, under the inferior system of the Old Covenant, God allowed a tent to reveal a small piece of Heaven on Earth, how many other heavenly models might He desire to replicate, especially in the glory of the New Covenant?

If the heavenly temple is real and the tabernacle patterned it on Earth, what might the divine council look like, and what function might it serve—on Earth as it is in Heaven?

The idea of the divine council takes a radical turn when we realize that, in the New Testament, "sons of God" are the twice-born, new creations of the Holy Spirit—you and me!

In *Healing the Nations*, John Loren Sandford describes three aspects of cooperating with God in His work of redeeming and transforming nations. First, we must develop a deep relationship with the Father. Second, we "engage in burden-bearing intercession for the nations." Third, we "make ourselves available should we be summoned into heavenly councils, as nations hang in the balance."



## 8 Ekklesia – The Ruling Council on Earth

Ekklesia has to do with many things, but perhaps most of all, authority in prayer. The people of God must begin to pray. Not small, little polite prayers. Not ten minutes of prayer. Do you read the headlines? The earth is groaning, society is tottering, darkness is exalting itself like never before. Who among the people of God will rise in the Spirit to challenge the rising tide? Supplication, adoration, confession and thanksgiving are regular parts of a prayer diet, but contending prayer must dramatically increase! Day and night, prayer must shake the earth. When we realize we are the ekklesia, a “paradigm shift” is inevitable because the word itself properly aligns our identity with government and prayer as Jesus intended. There is power in this word to correct our function on Earth.

You see, the ekklesia was not just an assembly, it was a ruling assembly. It was governmental. By the time of Christ, having been used in this sense for approximately 500 years, ekklesia had specific, well-acknowledged connotations. According to Oskar Seyffert’s Dictionary of Classical Antiquities, ekklesia was originally used to describe “the assembly of the people, which in Greek cities had the power of final decision in public affairs.” It was the principal assembly of the Athenian government, which eventually became the model of government for city-states throughout the hellenized world. Eventually, as Roman culture both supplanted and incorporated Greek culture, this included the Roman world of Judea. Ekklesia has both a Greek and Hebrew background.

In summary, the ekklesia was by definition a governmental assembly. Therefore, the authority and function of the assembly is fundamental to properly understanding what Jesus inaugurated in Matthew 16:18. If this chapter is true, ruling the thought of willfully continuing to play church rather than “shouldering our responsibilities” as duly summoned representatives of God’s council must become abhorrent to us. Let us repent, and cooperate with God in the administration of His kingdom on planet Earth.



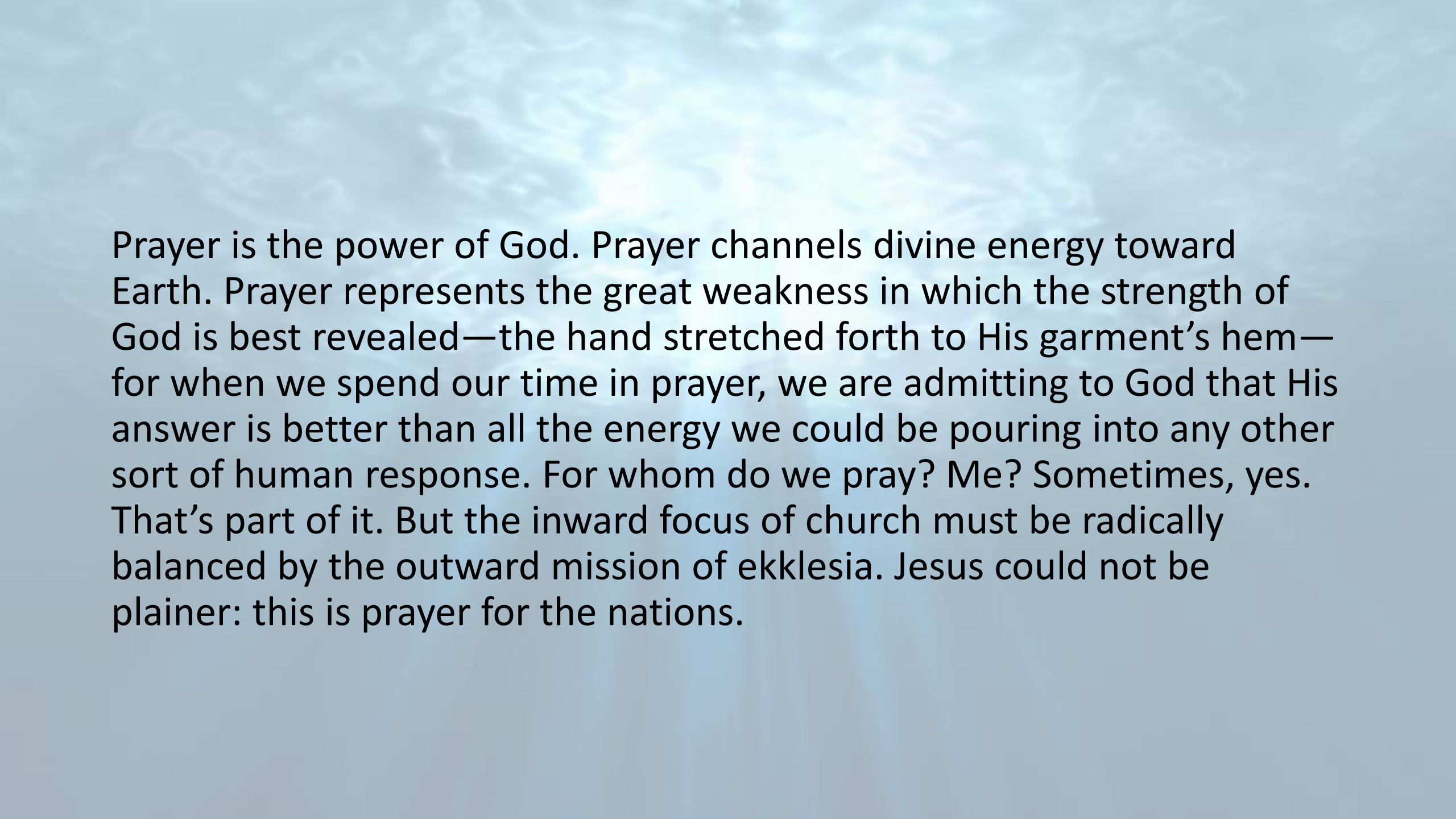
# Chapter 9 - Going Deeper

## **“Defense 12-29.”**

**This passage perfectly captures the common coaching adage that “the best defense is a good offense.” With new eyes, I read Matthew 12:29: “Or how can anyone enter the strong man’s house and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.”**

**Clearly, the ekklesia Jesus has committed to build is meant to have devastating impact on the enemy’s kingdom. His language plays offense as clearly as Churchill’s. Go assault the gates. Go into all the world! Leave no dark stone unturned until “the kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever” (Rev. 11:15). This is why the revelation of Christ must come first, not only for Peter, but for you and me, as well. It is only at the point where fallen man grasps the enormity and totality of Jesus’s leadership over all of history and human affairs that he is ready to enlist in the body by which Jesus intends to execute His will and extend His reign over the planet.**





Prayer is the power of God. Prayer channels divine energy toward Earth. Prayer represents the great weakness in which the strength of God is best revealed—the hand stretched forth to His garment’s hem—for when we spend our time in prayer, we are admitting to God that His answer is better than all the energy we could be pouring into any other sort of human response. For whom do we pray? Me? Sometimes, yes. That’s part of it. But the inward focus of church must be radically balanced by the outward mission of ekklesia. Jesus could not be plainer: this is prayer for the nations.

# Application and activation.



Study the word with a couple friends for a Bible study. Gospels and book of acts. Share findings with group.

Go – find someone who needs healing. Ask if you can pray for them. Pray that they be healed. Bring stories