

Session 6 of 6

OKM Bootcamp Training





COACH-NOTES

Training & Coaching for Home Congregations Session 6 of 6

What were those early disciples doing on Solomon's Porch at the temple? And what was the Apostle Paul doing at the rented Tyrannus' Hall? Are there still Apostles and Prophets in the Body of Christ? In this Session we will answer these questions from the New Testament as we look at what has been called the "Five-Fold" Ministry, and the Public Meetings.

This is the 6th and final Session of this Online Study Course. In it we explore how the New Testament Believers first ADDED to their number, then they MULTIPLIED the number of Disciples, and finally MULTIPLIED the Ekklesias in their Cities. The traditional institutional Church understands evangelism. But the process of discipleship breaks down in the current auditorium model. In contrast to this the Home Congregations of the Ekklesia are the original plan for the Multiplication of Disciples AND the Multiplication of the Ekklesias in all our cities all across the Nation.

DISCUSSION TIME

READING – Chapter 16 of Ekklesia Rising

VIDEO – 11 & 12

PRAYER TIME

PERSONAL Ask them to share any personal prayer requests and pray for one another.

MINISTRY Ask if they are connected to an Apostolic Team and pray for them to have wisdom and discernment in making that connection happen.

APPLICATION - ACTIVATION

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FINAL SESSION – WAYS TO STAY CONNECTED • Get involved with Regional Prayer groups and Strike force of Prayer • Stay connected with one another – Map • More New Classes coming • Various Online Ekklesias. Take Advanced Classes

In the interim, a doomed, vanquished enemy continues to thrash and rage and inflict great pain on many multitudes, while simultaneously a holy kingdom continues to quietly spread like leaven in a lump of dough.

During His earthly ministry, Jesus routinely demonstrated total supremacy over every challenging power. Not a single instance of concession, negotiation or compromise is recorded, whether with human leaders like Herod, by the pressure of his own friends, or Satan himself. He demonstrated total authority over every sphere of life...even trees, waves and weather. A legion of demons melted under His will like wax before a flame. Sickness and disease fled. Death retreated. Every clever scheme of man, every falsehood, was exposed. He was never tricked, never fooled, never lacking power for any occasion, and never afraid. If God-as-man continually drove demons from the real estate of man's dusty frame, He is committed to uprooting and displacing them wherever they may found amongst the dust of earth.

However, only His rule is complete, ours is not. As we seek to boldly follow in His footsteps, it is important to humbly admit our limitations. Thus, as a final statement on ekklesia, we must temper our aspirations with a necessary caution against what may be called Triumphalism.

As we seek to grow in rulership, it is incumbent that we grow even more in humility. Our ways are not His ways, our thoughts are not His thoughts. The fullness of our authority is but a dim reflection of His. If the message of the ekklesia is managed improperly in carnal hearts, it can easily lend itself to an attitude of elitism, machismo and bravado. Friends, we are not the swaggering commandos of God, we are servants of the Most High. To counter any magnetic attraction of our hearts toward petty ambition or domineering and know-it-all egotism, an inverse relationship must be established, so that the inward character of our call must go as low as the heights of influence we might aspire to. We need to inoculate our hearts with truth. We don't need to temper Triumphalism, or minimize it, we need to completely deflate it. The three vaccinations that will keep us bowed low before the majesty of God are 1) The sacrificial nature of our service; 2) An understanding of necessary offense; 3) The call to be a faithful witness.

Rulership emerges as acts of consecration and sacrifice. Victory goes to the weak and the humble, not the proud and the strong. The Way of the Cross is how we go with, rather than against, the grain of the universe. Unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone, but if it is willing to follow the self-contradicting path in which it surrenders its own agenda and forfeits its own rights, it brings forth much fruit.

When we invest ourselves enough in Heaven's values to forbid their antithesis on earth, we cannot help but expose our heart to disappointment, but if we do not believe enough to matter, then why pray? For the wise and cautious critics of radical prayer, I must ask, why would Jesus tell us to bind, loose, pray, forgive, permit, forbid, heal, exorcise, resurrect and influence if He did not mean for us to actually succeed in doing those things? So when we succeed, the kingdom is released externally. But when we fail, in the suffering of that moment, the kingdom is released internally. And this, too, is good.

Offense may not be pleasant or preferred, but sometimes it is necessary to remind us that “without Him we can do nothing.” If we reach for nothing, if we strive to rattle no gates and storm no strongholds, then we forego the humbling work of “discipleship by disappointment,” because part of the Lord’s goodness and promises is to make all things, even failure, work together for our good.

Sometimes the consequence of our failure is more glorious than the mode of our success. Other times, small failures become part of a larger tactical plan by which Lord Sabaoth seeks an even greater victory. Other times, failure in a minor test is the only way to prepare the ekklesia for greater tests to come. In all of these, God is supreme, and we are not.

what if the finish line represents an unknowable? Do we have the will, tenacity and foresight to cross it anyway. Do we have the “assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen” at work in our souls, compelling us forward whether we ever realize “results”? This is a critical question for all those who aspire to become ekklesia, because while we are commanded to exercise dominion, we are not promised a total realization of it.

So it goes. As with Jeremiah, the power is the word of God is not only in what we speak, but also in the faithfulness of our witness. We must be content to do our duty and leave the consequence to God. Time will tell the rightness of our positions. Many times we will be blessed to see immediate, favorable results. Sometimes we get it right, sometimes we get it wrong. In God’s grace, both are “teachable moments” in the Holy Spirit.

Finally let us note again the fact that we are given authority to prevail upon Hades, not Hell. This is a small, but consequential detail that helps realistically deflate Triumphalist notions. Hell, theologically identified as the final judgment upon evil (see Chapter 12), is a post-Millennial reality. As both a destination and a punishment, Hell speaks of the final authority of Christ alone. Our authority is limited in scope to shattering the gates of Hades (the powers and corruptions of death) in this life, but we have no mandate to execute final judgment. It is Christ who will cast Satan, the antichrist, death and Hades into the lake of fire at the conclusion of natural history. This is the inauguration point of the new age of eternal life, and the wedding feast of the Lamb. In other words, we are eschatologically confined in the totality of our work. We can and should liberally plunder Hades. Triumph should be the normal diet of the ekklesia, with the upper limit of what is possible having yet to be defined. We should pray in faith and live as faithful witnesses. Even so, we are given no warrant to rob Hell.

Let’s agree to push the upper limits of what the ruling council can achieve. Let’s put the offense on the field and give the defense a rest. Let’s dare to take the battle to the enemy, rather than continuing our present tactic of watching in horror as darkness spills over the gates, as cups of judgement fill to the brim.

there is no backup plan. We’re it. Yet in spite of all this, in the end, we do not rule because we succeed in total dominion, but because we are faithful to nothing less.

Lesson 11 – Equipping the Ekklesia

5 Ministry rules- Prophets Apostles, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers

The role is to equip the saints.

The role of the saints is to do the work of ministry. For the edifying of the body of Christ.

Equipping – Greek karterismos. Making fully qualified for service. Bride fully adjusted.

Dislocated kneecap illustration. Rest kneecap. Things are out of joint and not functioning well. Structures need to be reset, recalibrated. That is the ministry of the 5 fold. Are all 5 working? In some circles apostles and prophets no longer exist. This is in most denominations

Pastors now dominate. Teachers close second. Evangelists relegated to itinerant ministry. Pastors and teachers are like managers that have led the church to a stagnant plateau. The visionaries have been eliminated.

Has the ministry of apostles and prophets stopped? All 5 will continue until we all come to the unity of the faith.

How do they function and fit in? Ephesians 2:19-22

Apostles and prophets are the foundation. Since they have been pushed aside, there is no foundation.

The Lord wants a habitation place, not a visitation place. 1 Cor 12:27-28. Apostles and prophets are first in sequence.

Control and Contain vs Train, equip and send.

Acts 20:20. Vision. - public ministry and house to house. Meeting for Ekklesia to deal with issues.

Examples of public meetings – Upper room, Solomon's Colonnade, Tyrannus Hall.

Today this can happen online. Regional rallies.

Application & Activation - Find an Apostolic Team, continue to connect with people that you have met with.

Multiplying the Ekklesia Video Summary

Before you Multiply, you must learn how to add. Acts 2:46-47 “The Lord added to their numbers daily those who were being saved.”

Going out, meeting house to house, having meals together, building relationships.

In the early church, they went from adding to multiplying.

They appointed deacons eventually because the ekklesia was multiplying so fast that they were missing some things. Acts 6.

After they took care of problems of helping the widows, rapid multiplication kicked in. They reproduced themselves in the lives of others.

2 Timothy 2:2 Multiplication (Discipleship Principal) Find Faithful others who will teach also. Do what I do.

In system, No discipleship, no accountability, no follow through.

Mark Taylor’s Vision – Circles on a map

Elephants vs Rabbits -

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