

Introduction and Session 1 of 6

OKM Bootcamp Training



COACH-NOTES Boot Camp Training & Coaching For Home Congregations
Introductory Session – Get Acquainted
Session #1 Part 1: “Time Travel To Mt. Hermon”
Session #1 Part 2: “What is Ekklesia?”

This is your first-time meeting together with folks who do not know you and they do not know one another. Take the time to get acquainted with one another. Then lay out the overview of the Course.

Also, we travel back in time to 29 A.D. to the geographical area of Mt. Hermon, in Palestine to better understand what Jesus said and what He meant. Once we understand more about the culture, geography, and the situation in life in which these words were spoken, they burst forth with new meaning and we gain a whole new perspective.

Open in Prayer and Seal the Room from the enemy, taking authority over him and excluding him from all that takes place.

READING, EKKLESIA RISING Remind them that they have 6 weeks to complete all four books. Encourage them to pace themselves and try to read 3 Chapters a Week. Ask them to take notes as they read. If they have questions, write them down and bring them to the next session.

VIDEO #1, “TIME TRAVEL TO MT. HERMON” Ask: “What is the significance of Mt. Hermon as the place Jesus chose to give the revelation that He is “The Christ, the Son of the Living God.”? Russ makes a bold statement about the word: Ekklesia” being intentionally mis-translated as the word “Church.” They can search a matter out for themselves here: <http://kjbv.landmarkbiblebaptist.net/kjvinstructions.html> (Send them the link...see point 3.)

Video #2, “What is Ekklesia?” Ask them to tell you in their own words, “What was the Ekklesia of Rome?” (See Summary on page 111 of Ekklesia Rising.) Ask them what they think Christ meant when He said, “I will build my Ekklesia.”?

Expectations of the Class: 1.) There is one required book. Ekklesia Rising by Dean Briggs. We will discuss this book together in our coaching time together. Please take notes and highlight as you read, and to write down any questions you have, and bring questions to class each week. 2.) There are 12 Training Videos. 2 Per week will be covered. 3.) We will do a weekly online Coach-Call using Zoom. There are Applications & Activations at the end of each video to be completed. These are designed to engage each of us in developing new relationships and practicing what we are learning.

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Training & Coaching for Home Congregations

Session #1 Part 2 “What is Ekklesia?”

In this session we discover the original meaning of the word Ekklesia. There is a lot of confusion out there about, "What is Ekklesia?" Today we learn not only the standard textbook definition of the Greek word, but we will also discover how the word was used in the cultural context of Jesus and His Disciples.

DISCUSSION TIME

PRAYER TIME

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

MINISTRY NEEDS What are your Prayer concerns regarding starting a Home Congregation in your community?

APPLICATION & ACTIVATION #2

This week they were supposed to have reached out to friends & neighbors and ask them WHY they no longer attend Church. Get some feedback from them. What did their friends have to say?

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

Send next session email from the website along with recording of this session

Matthew 16:13-19 English Standard Version (ESV)

Peter Confesses Jesus as the Christ

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”

¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock^[a] I will build my church, and the gates of hell^[b] shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹ 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^[c] in heaven.

Ekklesia Rising Chapter 1

Caesarea Philippi

When a man gets even a small glimpse into the total rulership of Christ, he stands at a new threshold for understanding his own purpose on earth, for Christ not only possesses all authority, He also bestows it. Understanding this far better than His disciples, Jesus seizes the moment to declare nothing less than war on hell. With just twelve guys. As we'll later discover, it's not the size of the group that matters, but: The unity of their constitution The clarity of their voice, and Above all, their revelation of the One who directs them.

The central premise of this book will be first to prove, then correct this error. The very idea challenges our propriety, as new believers are typically trained to love and revere the church, largely because we have understood Christ to also love and adore the church. Actually, He cherishes his Bride and identifies with his brothers, but what He convened in Matthew 16 and promised to build was an Ekklesia, not a church.

Please hear me. Over the centuries, church as an institution has no doubt offered many good and worthy spiritual and emotional harbors: pastoral care; a warm, social environment for godly friendships to flourish; a hub for teaching and edification.

Ekklesia Rising Chapter 1

Caesarea Philippi Continued

We cherish the institution, because by it, a corrupt world has gained a measure of salt and light. This is no small thing! I was raised to love the church. I planted and pastored a local church for many years. But there is no way around it: the Greek word ekklesia means something more and different than the English word church, and let me tell you, the gap is meaningful and real. Since language produces culture, we will always exist at a deficit in our mission until we confront the chasm between these two words. Church produces one thing. Ekklesia produces another. Which did Jesus intend? You know by the word He used, and also the word He did not.

How can we know what to do if we don't know who we are?

Knowing Who you are enables you to know what He wants you to do. If you don't know who you are you won't know what to do.

Those stuck in the church system don't know who they are and don't know what to do.

Chapter 2 – The Critical Need for Revelation

This is less a book about spiritual warfare, and more a book about divine government. It is less a book about prayer, and more a book about paradigm. However, since a primary role of any nation's government is to declare war should that nation be threatened or attacked, and since prayer is central to any human/divine transaction, especially in the conflict between good and evil, this is also a book about prayer and spiritual warfare.

War is part of this book because war is part of life. To contemplate or pray "Thy Kingdom come...on earth" must necessarily conjure images of D-Day and the beaches of Normandy or it is a pacifist delusion. While the grace of Heaven may be embraced by humans, demonic ideologies are like terrorists. You don't negotiate with them, you must bring superior power and authority to bear. Paul could not have been more clear. Every day, we contend with principalities and powers in heavenly places.

Revelation

We desperately need fresh revelation of this perfect King who is utterly committed to expanding His rule. The question tackled in this book is: how does He plan to expand it?

Chapter 2 – The Critical Need for Revelation Continued

Alignment of our vision with Heaven's reality is critical. Redemption is a process which God has already initiated and completed in eternity, but which you and I are called to implement in time and space. How can we expect the world to change when God's own people are not entirely committed to His purpose? The Kingdom is near, Jesus said, but if it is to come fully, it must first come inside us—you and me.

The revelation of Christ is the sun around which the solar system of the kingdom orbits. It is therefore the means by which God assembles His people, and the cause to which He commissions them.

Herein lies the vitality and utter necessity of personal, present-tense, divine revelation. Individually or corporately, we will never become what Jesus promised to build without it.

The divine origin of true revelation imparts knowledge, wisdom and understanding which transcend human knowledge by infinite orders of magnitude, both in quantity and quality. Yet, though they are inscrutable to human faculty, the Holy Spirit graciously draws forth the depths of God and permits us to drink. Deep, divine counsels are available to us. My friend, you are a revelation receptacle!

Five components of revelation.

Revelation comes from God 2. Revelation is about Jesus 3. Revelation requires faith. 4. Revelation is relational 5. Revelation must be nurtured .

We are in a cultural war right now

Chapter 3 – Small Rock, Big Rock

Petros means a small, detached stone, anything from a pebble to a boulder, while petra refers to a great, unyielding bedrock. A petros is moveable, a petra is not. Peter, the small stone, is contrasted with a great rock.

God is solid, unchanging, faithful, strong. He is the foundation of all existence, the fountainhead of salvation. Comparing many passages, the rock motif is synonymous with God as fortress, strong tower, and refuge: “Who is a rock, besides our God?” 25 The rock becomes salvific in the atoning work of Christ. Jesus describes obedience to His Word (and therefore, Himself), as being an unshakable foundation to build upon²⁶, while Peter and Paul make it clear that the Messiah is the rock of offense spoken of by the prophet Isaiah. 27 Likewise, Christ was the sustaining rock from which the Israelites drank in the wilderness.

If we are not continually enlarged in our understanding of His glory and kingship over the earth, we will hesitate in our purpose, becoming stunted, lethargic, and spiritually narcissistic. Life will be redefined as ours, not His. Jesus must ever and freshly be seen. The steady disciplines of worship, Word and prayer are meant to produce fresh seasons of renewal, where our spirit sees and says, all over again, “Aha! You are the Christ!” Viewed from this angle, Jesus is saying, “Simon (the Hearer!), you have heard and seen me as I really am, and rightly so. Everything revolves around seeing Me, because I perfectly reveal the Father! Keep your eyes on Me. I am limitless, which means you can always see more. I am always speaking, which means you always need to hear Me. This interaction and the revelation which comes from it— this is what I will build upon!” The Rock of the Gods is the rock

Chapter 3 – Small Rock, Big Rock

Finally, the historic backdrop of Caesarea Philippi adds another possible interpretation. The reason for this will be explained in detail in the next section titled “Rulership,” but suffice it for now to remember that Jesus has staged this scene very carefully. He likely stands within view of a well-known, demonic stronghold called The Rock of the Gods. Is it merely coincidence that the Son of God arrives and starts talking about building His kingdom on a rock? Not at all. It is a showdown, with one Rock challenging the claims of another rock. Who will win? Daniel 2: 31- 35 comes to mind, when a small rock cut out of a mountain smashes into another mountain and destroys it. God’s kingdom against demonized, earthly pretenders. Caesarea Philippi is an early prototype of this conflict. In essence, Jesus might well have been saying, “Look guys, look over there. Do you see that demonic fortress, with all those people trapped in idolatry? You know what that monstrosity is called. It’s a big rock (petra). But as Peter has realized, I’m the Christ, which means the earth is mine and all the fullness thereof. Soon, I will take My rightful place at the right hand of My Father’s throne. He will establish Me in Heaven. But one day, He will also establish me in total supremacy on Earth. When the seventh angel sounds the final note of history, all the kingdoms of the world will become Mine, and I will reign forever and ever in perfect justice, truth and love. But please get this: I’m not waiting until then! I’m starting now. I’m going to build My kingdom atop every outpost of darkness. Men call that thing over there ‘god’s rock.’ It’s a lie. I’m the One, true Rock. And I want My kingdom everywhere— not just in nice, beautiful places, but also in the hard, dark, evil places. Especially in those places. I want to capture back every square inch of the planet, until all is subsumed in My glory. So on this rock, I will build...”

In summary Perhaps we can imagine the Lord pointing first to Himself (“ upon this rock”), but then maybe also gesturing to The Rock of the Gods (“ I will build”) to firmly establish in the minds of His apostles that nothing was exempt from His rulership. Clearly, He wanted to link the two. Why? Because total dominion means that every gate of Hades must be challenged. Jesus went 30 miles out of His way to make sure His disciples got the point. The Acts of the Apostles clearly demonstrates the early believers got it. The question is, do we?







Video Notes #1 -Time Travel to Mt. Hermon

Palestine. Mt. Hermon

Caesarea Philippi. – side trip, out of the way.

This was a teaching moment for impact.

There were 3 pagan temples when Jesus visited - Pan, Caesar Augustus, Hades

This place was evil and dark.

Pagan prostitutes, human sacrifice, worse than our worst cities combined

**Matthew 16:13-19. Upon this rock I will build my Church (Ekklesia)
...the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.**

The world Ekklesia was actually used, not church.

King James intentionally mistranslated this word.

William Tyndale translated Ekklesia as Congregation.

What did Jesus say? What did Jesus mean?

Application and Activation:

The Greek word Ekklesia occurs 118 times. Using a good concordance find all 115 times Ekklesia is translated church, highlight the word. In that margin, write the word Ekklesia.

**One Man Bible – Sid Roth
Humility**

Supernatural Bible – Sid Roth Youngs literal translation blueletterbible.org

Andre Murray's book

Video Notes #2 - What is Ekklesia

1,990,000 web pages on the subject of Ekklesia, 500+ Books on Ekklesia, Music Group called Ekklesia, Youth Group Ministry called Ekklesia, Radio Station called Ekklesia, Prayer Groups formed inside traditional churches called Ekklesia, Churches called Ekklesia.

The word is used 118 times in the NT.

Jesus used the word 3 times. Matthew 16:18;

Compound Word – EK (From or out of), kalleo(Called out of)

A calling out, meeting, assembly, a congregation of called out ones.

Congregation is a good translation. This word was used by William Tyndale in the very first Bible that was translated into the English Language.

The word means a whole lot more than the definition of its two parts.

The word was used by the Roman Government 400 years before Christ.

A Governmental Word that was part of their system.

It was a city council that represented the culture, policy, statutes, laws, lifestyle of the King in their city.

It functioned with all the authority of the king himself.

Video Notes #2 - What is Ekklesia Continued

When the Ekklesia made a local decision that was in line with the principles and policies of the government of Rome, all the authority of the king and the entire Roman empire stood behind that decision.

Aristotle's Constitution of Athens:

In other words, the secular Ekklesia had expansive authority in determining the affairs of their cities and territories. To adequately manage these affairs, the ruling council typically met three to four times a month. 2

Ekklesia Rising pg. 111 Actively participate in legislation. Election of officials including Military Generals and Chief Magistrates. This would translate today into the mayor, city council and sheriff's dept. The Ekklesia was responsible for banishment of people from the citizens. Responsible for judicial decisions. What is permitted and not permitted. What is lawful and what is not lawful was decided by Ekklesia.

Jesus said, "I will build my Ekklesia." Everyone knew what He meant. The government of the kingdom of heaven on earth

A local called out congregation, A governing spiritual council, Serving as the ruling body of the government of heaven on earth. Representing the kingdom of heaven. Implementing the policies and the culture of the king. Ambassadors of the King and His Kingdom.

Ekklesia and Church are not the same.

Application and Activations To Do This Week

The Greek word “Ekklesia” occurs 118 times in the New Testament. 115 times it is translated “Church” and only 3 times it is translated “assembly.” They were supposed to find the 115 times, highlight the word “Church”, and write in the margin of their Bibles the word “Ekklesia.” Ask them if they found them all 115? FYI: The other 3 times it is translated “assembly” are found in Acts 19:32, 39, and 41

Do you have family, friends, neighbors that love God but don't go to church? Reach out and ask people why they no longer go to church. Don't argue with them or try to talk them into going back to church. Be kind, courteous and loving and encourage honesty. These may be some of the people that you are building a relationship with to form an Ekklesia. Its all about relationships.

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