

# Chapter 11



## Equipping the Ekklesia

The revelation of Ekklesia has brought us to this point. We have gained a lot of information, but it is important that the Ekklesia has what it needs to go forward in advancing the Kingdom of God. In this chapter we want to talk about equipping the Ekklesia.

The main passage which this whole session is built upon is found in Ephesians Chapter 4:37; and 11-16.

I am taking these scripture passages from the New King James Version of the Bible. We read: "And he himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers;

## Ephesians 4:11-16 NKJV

- And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>42</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, <sup>43</sup> till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>44</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>45</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—<sup>46</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

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There are five different functions or roles of ministry mentioned in this passage. There are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. Five major roles. They're often called the five-fold ministry. You can call them that if you'd like. I just like to call them functions or roles of ministry. Notice it says he himself. He is Jesus Christ. The verses prior to verse 11 talk about how he ascended. Before He ascended, He descended, preached the gospel to the captives and then he ascended. After He ascended, He gave gifts to men and these five gifts are often called the Ascension Gifts.

They are what Christ has given to the body in I Corinthians chapter 12. He gave the gifts of the Holy Spirit. In Romans chapter 12 we have the gifts of the Father. All together we have Father, Son and Holy Spirit all three persons of the trinity involved in giving gifts. These gifts are the gifts of Christ. The Ascension gifts that could also be called the gifts of the apostle of the lamb. These are the gifts that He's given to the Body of Christ. When they're functioning properly, their purpose is to equip the saints.

Now we are going to talk for just a minute about the definition of equipping. The function of these five gifts is to be the equipping of the saints. It is the saints who are to do the work of the ministry. The five-fold ministry gifts are equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry.

This is the plan of Jesus for the Body of Christ, that each one does the work of the ministry. When the saints minister to one another The body of Christ is edified. You'll notice that several times these passages talk about edifying. Towards the end it says from whom the whole body joined and knit together by what every joint supplies. That's everybody according to the effective working by which every part does it share. This is everyone working and ministering together. Ministering to one another causes the body to grow.

This is what he wanted us to do. The role of these five ministries is to equip the saints to do the work of the ministry. This is the day of the saints rising up. This very day that we are in now. The saints are being equipped to do the work of the ministry.

What is equipping? We need to know what that word means and how to function in it. According to the Spirit-Filled Life Study Bible notes on this passage of scripture, equipping is a making fit, preparing, training, perfecting, making fully qualified for service. In the classical language the word is used for setting a bone during surgery. The great physician is now making all the necessary adjustments so that the Ekklesia will not be out of joint. The term is almost like a medical term. Like setting a bone so it will not be out of joint. To put back in place that which has been out of place, back in place.





As I was growing up, my childhood was pretty rough. Before I became a Christian. I lived a pretty wild life. I was the youngest of three boys and we were all ruffians. To give an example, we played cowboys and Indians with BB guns and real arrows and we would shoot each other. That was some of the fun we had when we were kids. I am thankful to the Lord that I have never had a broken bone. If you knew the kind of I lived before Jesus, you would say wow that's a miracle that Russ didn't break a bone or worse as he was growing up. Neither my wife nor I have ever had a broken bone. I can't quite identify with what it feels like to break a bone, to have a bone go out of joint or to have a bone put

back into joint.

I can tell you that I had the experience of helping someone in that situation. We were playing basketball as teenagers. We played a lot of basketball. I played power forward. My friend and I

were playing at

the YMCA gymnasium. He went up for a rebound. A guy on the opposing team elbowed him right in the kneecap. As a result of this, his kneecap went off to the side of his leg. We could all tell that this was terribly painful for him. My friend was hollering, yelling and screaming. Everybody ran over to him. I held on to him while the man who was the director of the YMCA, at the time just took his hands, cupped them and shoved my friend's kneecap back over into place. This adjustment in my friend's kneecap caused him a lot of pain as well.

The YMCA Director didn't have to put my friend's kneecap back in place, but if he hadn't, my friend would have been incapacitated and immobile. He would have not been able to even walk. What the director did was painful but necessary.

## What is "Equipping"?

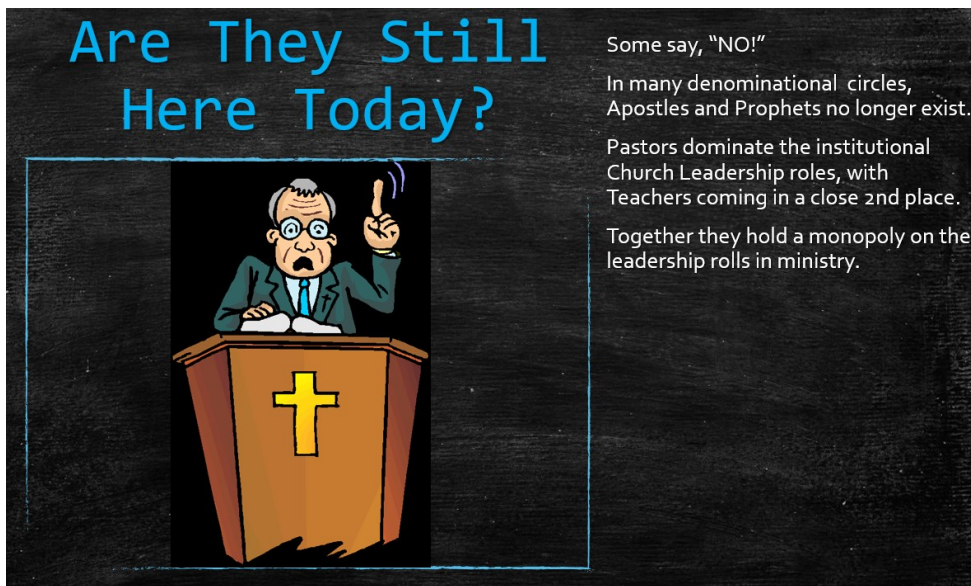
### Dislocated Patella



Equipping: *kartartismos* = A making fit, preparing, training, perfecting, making fully qualified for service. In the classical language the word is used for setting a bone during surgery. The Great Physician is now making all the necessary adjustments so the church (Ekklesia) will not be "out of joint."

Spirit Filled Life Study Bible

We see a lot of things out of joint in the church system today. What's happening in the Ekklesia is that God is raising up apostles and prophets as equipping ministries to put things back into place. The word equipping means making all the necessary adjustments so that the Ekklesia will not be out of joint. This is a work of the great physician using the Ekklesia. Thank God that in our day through the move of the Holy Spirit the true kingdom apostles and prophets are rising up in the Ekklesia. God is raising them up and they are functioning in the role of putting everything back the way it's supposed to be.



Are apostles and prophets still alive and active today? A lot of churches say No. In fact, probably as many as 80 to 90% of the churches in America say there are no more apostles and prophets. Many churches teach that towards the end of the New Testament period when the first apostles died, that this

marked the end of apostolic ministry. These churches say, "They died. They are no more." This doctrine is called cessationism. They believed that the apostolic and prophetic gifts ceased at the time when the New Testament was written. These cessationist churches believe that there are no more signs, wonders or miracles. They believe that there are no supernatural gifts like praying in tongues, prophecy or healing. These cessationist churches believe that these gifts all perished with the apostles of Jesus' time.

They do believe that there are still pastors, teachers and evangelists, however, they believe that evangelists are not allowed to do ministry in the local church. They are relegated to an itinerant ministry outside the church and have to come and visit churches and hold evangelistic services. This being the case in these churches, the saints are not being well equipped to do the work of the ministry. The pastors and teachers are holding on tight to the ministry rather than equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry.

There are no apostles or prophets in many denominational circles. The denomination that I grew up in had no apostles or prophets. There was no place for them. They didn't exist according to the theology of many. As a result pastors pretty much have control of the system. If you go to a local church and say, take me to your leader, they're going to take you to the Pastor's office. Pastors and teachers hold on to the leadership roles of church as we know it. This is life inside the box, and this is really an unfortunate thing because this turns pastors into more of a manager and less of a shepherd.

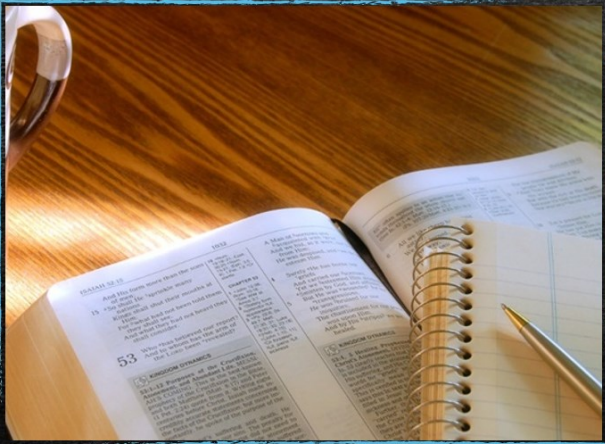
If we were talking about the business world rather than Church apostles and prophets would be seen as visionary leaders. They are always looking out to the horizon to expand the ministry, to make it grow, to reach new heights and to climb the next mountain. That's what visionary leaders do. Because pastors and teachers are predominantly in charge of the church ministry, They have led, the body of Christ to a plateau that is stagnant with little growth and little adventure.

Apostles and prophets are like entrepreneurs pushing back darkness and taking ground away from the enemy. This is what they do. They take ground from the enemy. Many pastors want to manage the ground they have inside the system and so together the pastors and teachers hold a kind of monopoly on the leadership roles in ministry. Unfortunately, for the most part, they have excluded the role and ministry of apostles and prophets and have pushed them aside.

Apostles and prophets are not welcome on the team in many denominations. In their minds, church system leadership have good reason not to want them. Most likely, they are seen as a threat to the business of the local church.

What does the Bible say? We should not look at the system and try to conform to it. Instead, we need to look at the Bible and bring the system into an alignment with what the Bible says.

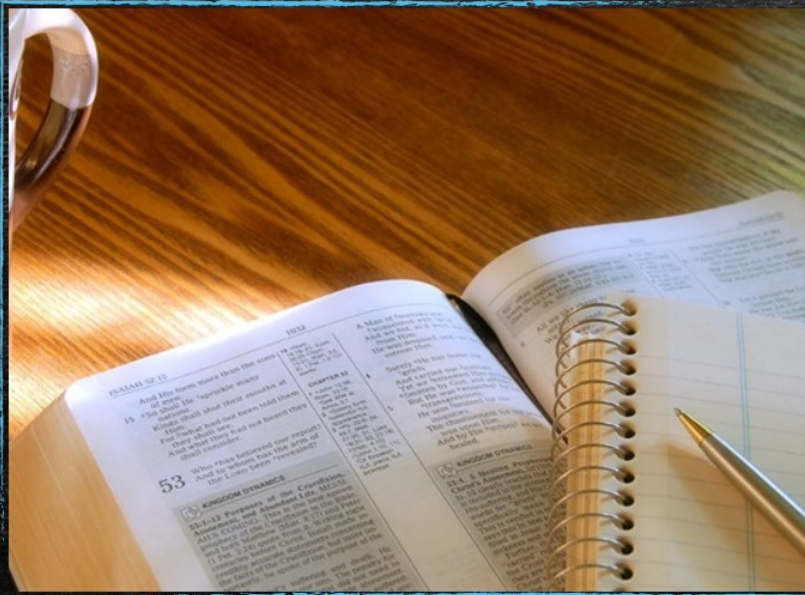
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What does the bible say about the continuing ministry of apostles and prophets? Are they here today? We read it Ephesians 4, "This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ." (NLT) I ask you, as you look at the body of Christ are we there? Is there unity of the faith? No, we are not there yet. That verse says that the ministry of these five, all five of them will continue until we come to unity in our faith. In the NLT it says clearly this will continue until we all come to the unity in our faith and the knowledge of the son of God, mature in Christ. We haven't arrived at that yet and there's still a need for the ministry of all five for the equipping of the saints.

I love the Passion Translation of the Bible. It really speaks to my heart. This same verse in The Passion Translation says, "These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness in the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the son of God." As I have already said, we have not arrived at that yet, but utilizing all five of the five fold ministries puts us on the right road to get there.

There is still a role and a function for apostles and prophets as a part of the team that's supposed to be equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry. Ministry is not just standing in the pulpit. There is a big difference between what the church system is doing and what is to be done in the Ekklesia. I believe that if fivefold ministry pastors were doing the work of equipping, they would be raising up pastors. Training and equipping others to be pastors in their church, but this probably is not going to happen very much in that system. Can you guess why? I think that it is not going to happen because if other pastors were raised up inside the church the man that is the senior pastor will be feeling threatened, Like his job security is at risk because there are other pastors that might take his job. For this reason and for other reasons, an adequate level of equipping does not happen very much in the church. .

In the leadership of Omega Kingdom Ministry we have pastors and they are equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry. They're equipping fivefold ministry pastors. Along with this, I want you to see that this ministry of apostles and prophets continues. We are going to talk a little bit more about apostles and prophets because they are the ones that have primarily been excluded from the team. Today, through an apostolic move of the Holy Spirit, he's raising up apostolic ministries. Omega Kingdom Ministry is an apostolic ministry.

How do apostles and prophets function on the team? How are they part of the body? What do they do? Well, the Bible tells us in Ephesians 2:19-20, "Now, therefore you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets-

## How Do They Fit & Function?



Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup>having been built **on the foundation of the apostles and prophets**, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup>in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup>in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Eph 2:19-22 NKJV

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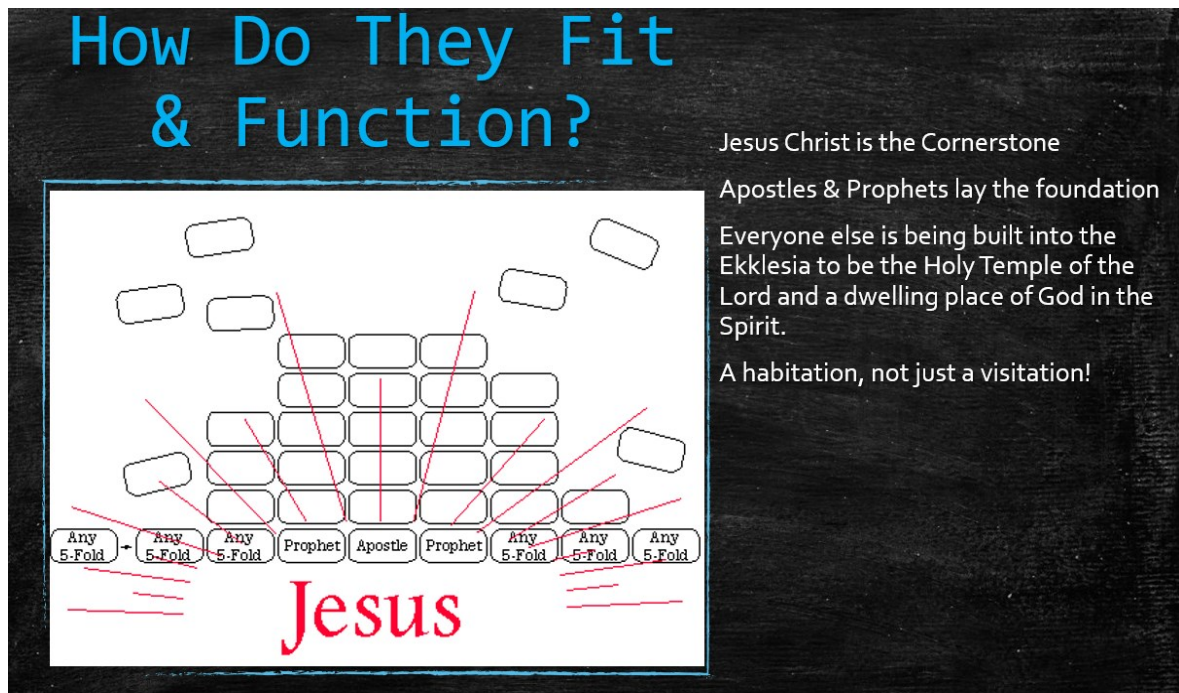


You see, we have inherited a system from the Roman Catholic Church and it doesn't include apostles and prophets. It is mostly pastors and teachers. As a result, the foundation of the church is not there.

Ephesians 2:19 and 20 says that that the foundation is made up of apostles and prophets laid in on top of Jesus Christ the chief cornerstone. Today the church is in a rather precarious position. The church is not going to survive the shaking that is coming and that has already come. God is shaking the whole system. The church system is in a shaky place because it doesn't have the foundation of apostles and prophets under it.

Ephesians 2 says, that Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone and that God is building a building. He's not talking about a material brick and mortar building, he's not talking about two by fours. He's talking

about a building of the Body of Christ and in it Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone. The apostles and prophets lay a



foundation that is built on Jesus. In addition to that everyone else is being built up. All that have answered this call are being built up into the Ekklesia to be the Holy Temple of the Lord. A dwelling place for God and the Spirit. What we see happening today is apostolic ministries are rising up and are functioning in the equipping of the saints to do the work of the ministry. God is laying that foundation.

Now I can tell you that for the first couple years of ministry back in 2001 and 2002, 2003, we were out doing seminars in the cities. We were training apostles and prophets to minister in a region and raise up house churches in that region and function in a role of leadership over them.

We didn't have it right and we knew it. The Lord corrected us through the revelation of Ekklesia. We discovered that apostles and prophets are in the foundation, below ground. True kingdom prophets and true kingdom apostles are not rock stars. They are not hungry for the lime-light. They don't want to be out in front.

Have you ever gone to look at buying a new house? Probably the first thing you wanted to look at was not the foundation. You probably wanted to see the kitchen and maybe the master bedroom but not the foundation. Why? Because in a house the foundation is underground. Unless you have a basement, in order to look at the foundation you have to crawl under a crawl space. The apostles and prophets are a below ground kind of ministry, behind the scenes equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry. The scriptures say that God wants to come and make those people a dwelling place of God in the Holy Spirit.

A lot of churches talk about having had a visitation of the Holy Spirit, you'll hear people refer to a visitation of the Holy Spirit here or a visitation of the Holy Spirit there, but this is not what the Holy Spirit wants. He doesn't want to just visit. He wants a dwelling place. That dwelling place is His habitation. There's a difference between a visitation and a habitation. When the Ekklesia is fully formed he wants to come and inhabit us with His presence. Won't it be glorious when we

## How Do They Fit & Function?



Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues. I Cor. 12:27-28 NKJV

are the habitation of God in the Spirit? The passage in I Corinthians talks about apostles and prophets being first. I need to explain that to help us to understand. God has appointed these in the church. First the apostles second

prophets third teachers and after that miracles, then gifts of healing, helps, administrations, variety of tongues. It does not mean first in the sense of priority. It does not mean first in the sense of importance.

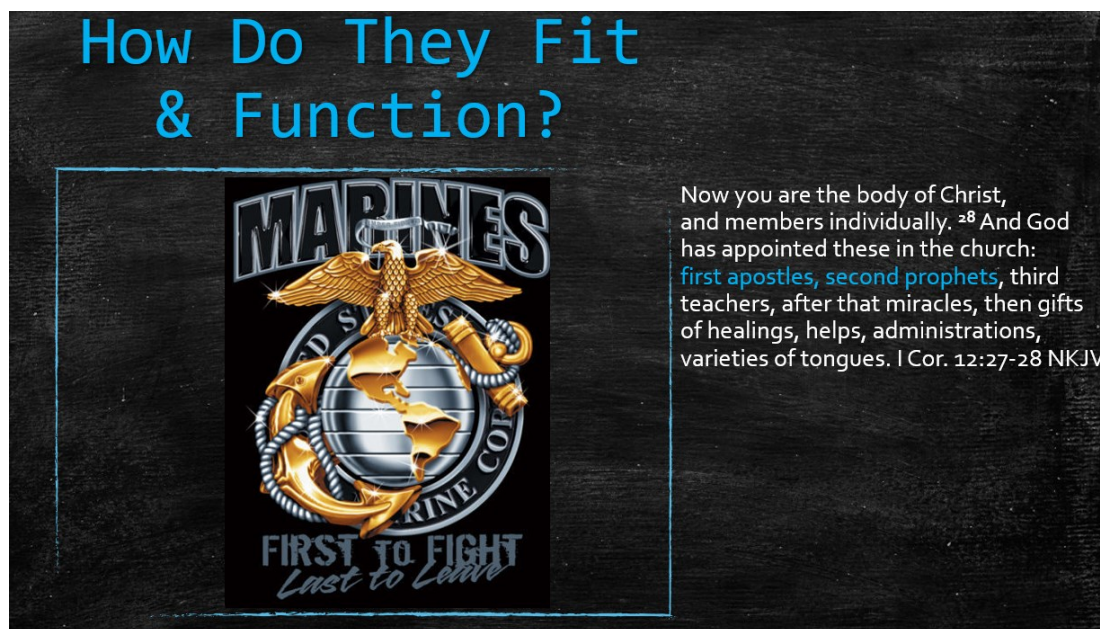


What it means is first in sequence, like the marines. Whenever there is a war the marines are usually the first ones in, on the ground.

They go in, tear things up and gather information.

They begin things. They are the first to the fight and the last to leave. This

is one of the slogans that they use.



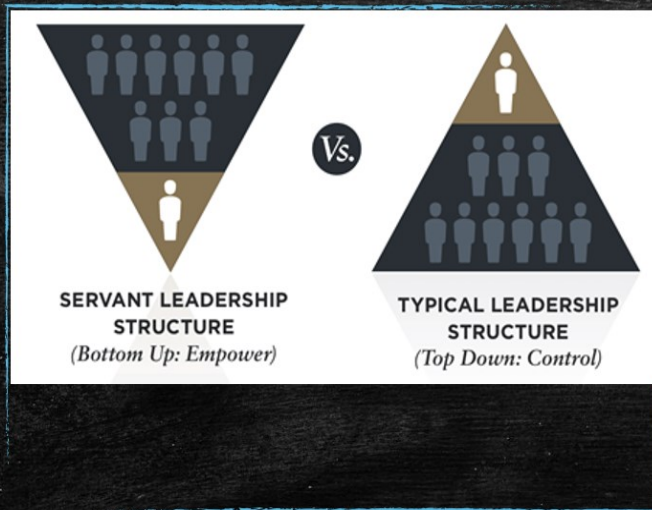
Similarly, apostles and prophets are in first. They go in first to till up the ground and to prepare things. To lay the foundation for the ministr. Others then come in to add to that foundation. This is exactly how things happened with Omega Kingdom Ministry. The apostles and prophets started things below ground. They have built the foundation.

I have a really good friend, in fact he's now on the roundtable leadership team. He spent his adult life working in excavation. I tease him and say, "You must have liked to play in the dirt as a child and you just grew up and kept playing in the dirt. He just says, "Yes". He said he drives big heavy equipment as an excavator for a company that builds subdivisions. Before they start building the houses, the excavators go in with the heavy equipment and they tear up the dirt and they lay all the underground work, the sewer system, the electric, the internet, the telephone systems. They lay all of that in underground before they can even start building a house in a subdivision. They then go in and build the foundation of the house. You see they don't put the foundation up on the top before they take care of all those other details.

The work of the apostles and prophets is to build the foundation so the structure can be built on top of that. Apostles and prophets aren't up at the top of some prominent position, they are below ground. This is what my friend does on his job and in the ministry. He digs the foundation. He functions in the Body of Christ as a kingdom prophet equipping the saints in prophetic ministry. It's amazing and wonderful.

This is totally upside down from what the traditional institutional church has been doing. I mentioned that we were out in the early

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New Paradigm Ekklesia Leaders focus on Training, Equipping, Releasing & Sending

2000s doing seminars. Because we had been trained by people who were in the church system, we were using church system methods. We were training people to be apostles

and prophets in the system. In the pyramid example, the typical leadership structure is one of top down control. Apostles and prophets are up on top and then you would have some apostles and prophets in training like a council of prophets or apostles. And then there would be people in the network under them. We were using this structure and the Holy Spirit convicted us. We knew it wasn't right. We pushed pause on it and we didn't go out doing seminars for a long time because we knew we didn't have it right. We waited until the revelation of Ekklesia came along and taught us that the apostles and prophets are in the foundation. We then knew that if it was like a pyramid, the pyramid should be upside down, with the apostles and prophets at the bottom holding the structure up equipping and training people to release them into ministry. Top-down leadership is focused on control and containment. Unknowingly, we were utilizing the wrong system for a few years. We didn't understand the concept of servant leadership because we were trained in the old school of thought that was part of the church system which is focused on control and containment. The church system wants to control things inside the box. A lot of the apostolic and prophetic ministries that are out there are still functioning in the church mentality that men have created. This is very prevalent in the church. Many of the apostolic and prophetic ministries that are out there are in that same top down mindset.





The Ekklesia is just the opposite of top down. Compared to the church system the Ekklesia is like a building that appears to be upside down. Instead of being control and containment we are into training, equipping, releasing, sending and supporting people in the kingdom ministry. Many of the previous books that have been written by apostles still

have the old paradigm of the institutional and traditional church built in. Apostles and prophets in that system are accountable to a pastor. In that system, they must have their prophetic words cleared by the pastor of the local church. It's all about control and containment and building up that church.

I have a video in our catalog called Prophets in the Kingdom. It's a totally different ministry than a prophet in the institutional traditional church. You see in the institutional traditional church, a prophet is accountable to the pastor and his role is to build that church up and strengthen that church inside the box.

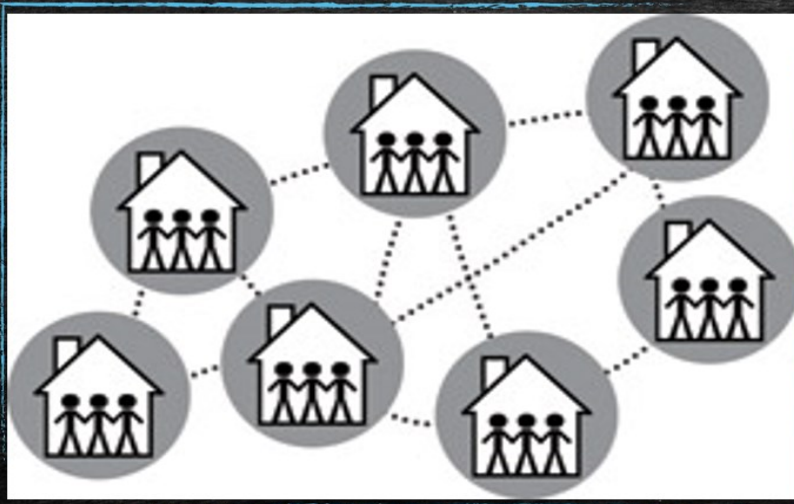
In the kingdom a prophet is accountable to the King, to Christ the King. He's not worried about building up the church. He is building and expanding the Kingdom of God. This is a totally different mindset.

Many of the previous books that were written by apostles, still have that old paradigm that is focused on control and containment often producing another denomination. It is like saying, "I follow this apostle. I follow that apostle. I'm trained by that prophet. I'm part of that prophet's network." It's just another denomination and it's sad to see this happen.

I believe the Lord is changing this in our day. He's helping people to see a new paradigm of the Ekklesia which is focused on training, equipping, releasing, sending and supporting. The word "send" is a Greek word apostoli's. From that word we get the English word apostle. Omega Kingdom Ministry is focused on training, equipping, releasing, sending and supporting people as they serve the king in the community. We are not a denomination or a covering. I said earlier in this book that we are not your covering. Jesus, is your covering and the Holy Spirit is your guide. How did the early Ekklesia do what we're talking about? If we could go back in time, before the church system to 325 A.D., and look at the book of Acts. We would discover how the early Ekklesia did this training and equipping. They did it publicly and house to house.

Some call this the 2020 vision in Acts chapter 20 verses 18-20.<sup>18</sup> “And when they had come to him, he said to them, ‘You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you,<sup>19</sup> serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews;<sup>20</sup> how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house.’” This is the 2020 plan of Acts. This is how the early Ekklesia did it. From house to house.

## How Did The Early Ekklesia Do This?



### PUBLICALLY & HOUSE TO HOUSE

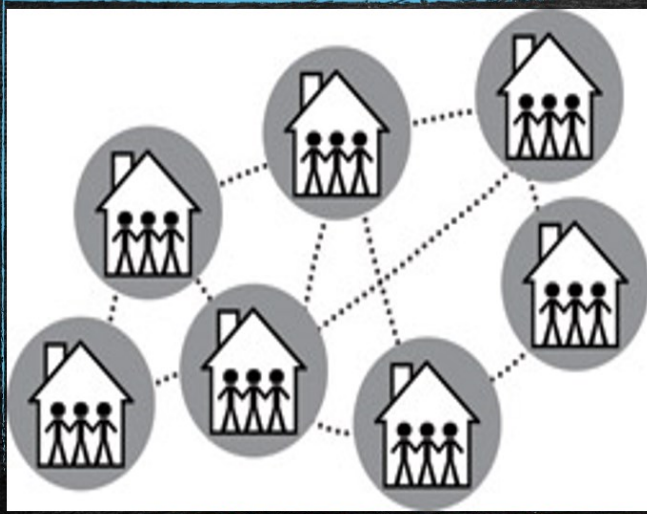
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There were two types of meetings. One was a public meeting, open to the public with large gatherings. They were equipping people in those large gatherings. They met with the apostles for the equipping in large gatherings. They would meet in their homes for the house-to-house main part of the ministry. Both of these types of meetings were held. It wasn't just one or the other. It was both of those public meetings, large equipping meetings, and meeting as the Ekklesia in the home. That same passage in The Passion Translation is the one we use on Sunday morning. On Sunday mornings, we have an Equipping Ekklesia meeting on Omegakingdomministry.tv and on You Tube. We use this verse from The Passion Translation Acts 20:20: “You know how I've taught you in public meetings and in your homes, and that I haven't held anything back from you that would help you grow.” We don't hold anything back on Sunday morning but we do meet in a public meeting. Now that public meeting is not the Ekklesia. That's the equipping meeting for the Ekklesia.



The Ekklesia meets in homes and in small groups, and from time to time in large public meetings. I'll show you several incidences where

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there were apostolic training centers, as I like to call them, where apostolic training and equipping was going on.

The very first one is in the upper room at Jerusalem. We read in Acts 1:12:

"Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, that's where Jesus ascended into heaven. After he ascended the disciples

came back to a room. much like the one you see in the picture. The room where they gathered was near Jerusalem, a sabbath day journey away. When they had entered, they went up into the upper room where

they were staying: Peter James, John, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon the zealot and Judas the son of James. That's not Judas that betrayed Jesus this is the other Judas.

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### THE UPPER ROOM AT JERUSALEM

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey. <sup>23</sup> And when they had entered, they went up into the upper room where they were staying: Peter, James, John, and Andrew; Philip and Thomas; Bartholomew and Matthew; James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot; and Judas the son of James. Acts 1:12-13 NKJV



So, where were the eleven apostles at this time? They were in this upper room but there were more than just the apostles there. Let's look at Acts 1:14-15 "These all continued with one accord in prayer and sup-

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These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples (altogether the number of names was about a hundred and twenty), and said, Acts 1:14-15 NKJV

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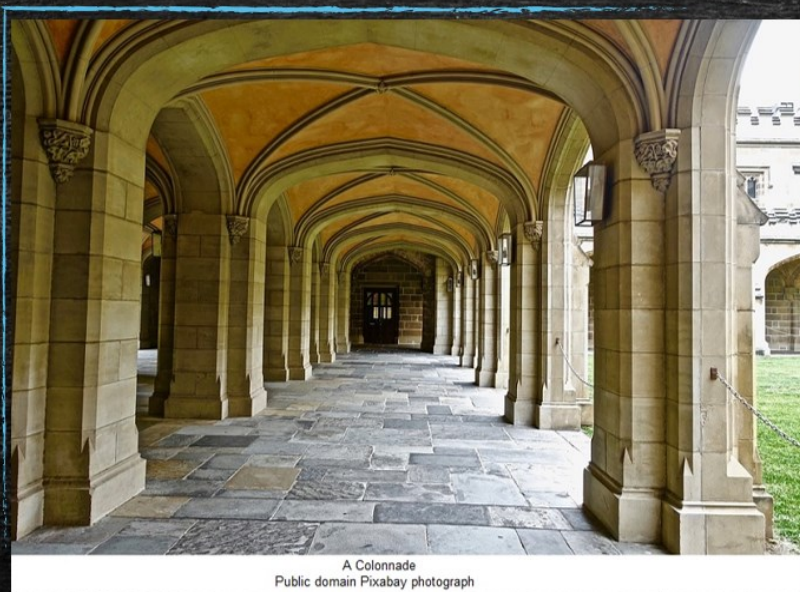
said,..." and then he went on to talk about how they had to replace Judas with another apostle and they chose Matthias. Those are the people who gathered in the upper room.

Look how many were there in the upper room. This was not an Ekklesia. This was a training and equipping, apostolic meeting. The apostles called everybody together, and they gathered there. One hundred and twenty leaders of Ekklesia's in Jerusalem. At that time they came together to replace Judas. That's what they were doing in the upper room. Peter stood up and talked to them. They chose Matthias as the replacement for Judas. This was actually a public meeting of equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry. The business at hand that day was filling a vacancy in the group of apostles. This would be similar to what we do at OKM when we have a vacancy in our leadership team. We meet to discuss adding a replacement and we carry out what is decided. That's what the apostles were doing in the upper room. Adding to their leadership team.



The next one we'll look at was called Solomon's Porch or Solomon's Colonnade. On the side of the temple there were places just like you see in the picture, where it was covered like a covered porch. There was a place there that was called Solomon's Porch in Acts 3. We read about it in verse 11 "They all rushed out in amazement to Solomon's Colonnade, where the man was holding tightly to Peter and John. **Acts 3:11** — The New King James Version (NKJV) Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed."

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A Colonnade  
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### SOLOMAN'S PORCH AT THE TEMPLE

Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed. Acts 3:11 NKJV

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Acts 5:12 NKJV

Solomon's Colonnade is also mentioned in Acts chapter 5. "And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people and they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch."

Some translations call it Solomon's Portico or Solomon's Colonnade. This was a large gathering, it was an open to the public meeting. Here you see a man who was lame. Here you see signs, wonders and miracles being done. These large gatherings were apostolic training and equipping meetings. They continued through the first part of Acts up to about Acts chapter 8 when all the Christians were scattered out of Jerusalem. After Acts chapter 8, you won't find them meeting at Solomon's Colonnade.

There's another meeting where we see Paul meeting with the saints and equipping them at Tyrannus Hall in Ephesus. We read about it in Acts 19:8-

10, "And he went into the synagogue and spoke boldly for three months." Before this, Paul was using the synagogue, the Jewish synagogue, as the training and equipping center. Now he is

using a rented hall called Tyrannus Hall. The verse continues, "reasoning and persuading concerning the things of the Kingdom of God. But when some were hardened and did not believe and spoke evil of The Way before the multitude, he departed from them and withdrew the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks"

So, here he is. He starts out in in the temple in the synagogue and he's preaching and training the saints to do the work of the ministry. They're scattering all over the area and there is some persecution there, so, he removes the leaders to a place called Tyrannus Hall. We don't really know what it was. It could have been a community center. It could have been a library, or a hall that people rented out for special occasions. We have halls like that today. It could have been part of some school that was already there. The point is, Paul continued to meet with the leaders of Ekklesia and he taught them about the Kingdom of God. Then they scattered and went everywhere all over Asia. The whole area was covered with Ekklesias. These leaders were coming getting training and equipping in this School and then they went out and started Ekklesias everywhere. For two years he kept doing this. All who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord. They heard about the Kingdom of God. This was Paul's apostolic training center.

## How Did The Early Ekklesia Do This?



### TYRANNUS' HALL IN EPHESUS

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How do we do this today? How are we going to work this out in our culture today? Well, we don't have a temple. We don't have a synagogue. We don't have Solomon's Colonnade or an upper room. We do have the internet and so we are doing a lot of it online. We are expanding that into this book form. We are training you right now as you read

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Regional Rallies

this. Perhaps you are using this book to train others. This is how we are going about doing the group meetings and the large training and equipping.

We have a very won-

derful team of leaders. They are all functioning in fivefold ministries of training and equipping the saints to do the work of the ministry and we use videos and coaching. They are either an apostle, a prophet, an evangelist or a pastor or a teacher. We have them in the leadership of Omega Kingdom Ministry and they're doing the equipping part of it for you and we're using the internet through these online classes.

We also have a meeting on Sunday morning that's called, Equipping the Ekklesia. It's open to the public. We're on right now, on [omemakingdomministry.tv](http://omemakingdomministry.tv) and YouTube. We are doing equipping and utilizing the internet.

We have done and will be doing more regional rallies. These also can be considered large gatherings as compared to the New Testament.

Another thing that's going on that that can help you be more trained and equipped are advanced classes. When people finish our bootcamp training, they are not really done. At the end of bootcamp training is a commencement. After you finish bootcamp, we will release you and send you out into the Kingdom to serve the king but there's more training if you want it. So, it's ongoing and continuing. We have a lot of training and equipping classes for you.

One of them is called Rediscovering the Kingdom of God. We have three coaches trained ready to equip and train you in the Kingdom of God. Principles of Spiritual Warfare taught by one of our roundtable team members. Actually, he wrote the book that's used in the class.

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Online CLASSES

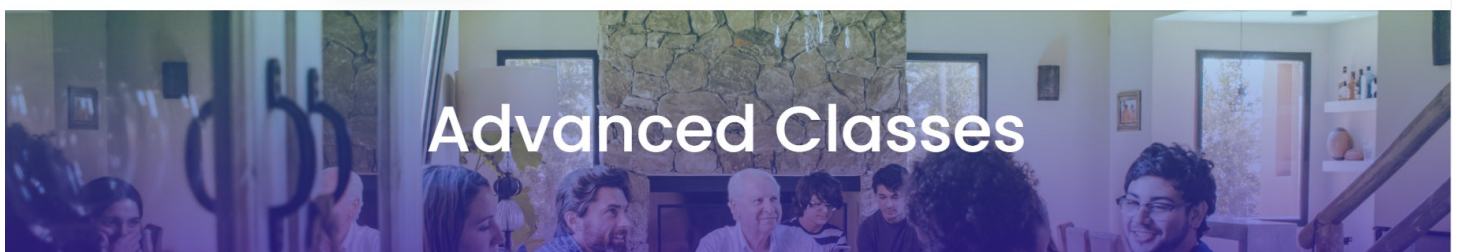
ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

### Advanced Classes

- Rediscovering The Kingdom
- Principles of Spiritual Warfare
- Ministering Deliverance & Inner Healing
- Christian Civics – Render To Caesar
- How To Study the Bible
- How To Lead a Bible Study
- Gifts, Grace, & Flow of the Holy Spirit
- How To Hear God's Voice
- School of the Prophets

Ministering Deliverance and Inner Healing, another one of our roundtable members teaches that class. This class is not about doing deliverance and ministry with you, it's teaching you how to minister in deliverance, equipping you training you to do deliverance. We

have a class on Christian Civics, one on How to Study the Bible and How to Lead a Bible Study and then we have one on the Grace Gifts and Flow of the Holy Spirit taught by a prophet, a kingdom prophet. Another class we offer is How to Hear God's Voice and another class called the School of the Prophets, also taught by a prophet in the Kingdom of God. All these are graduate classes that we suggest taking after graduating bootcamp. You can sign up for them online and we'll show you where you can do that.





Currently, we are developing a national network of Ekklesia Leaders. We are calling them State and Network Leaders. We are working on identifying bootcamp graduates from each state, having them attend a leadership training class with one of our leadership team members and asking them to join regular meetings of other State and Network Leaders. These meetings are to strategize on how to carry out the expansion of the kingdom of God through Ekklesia in every state. The goal is to have Ekklesia in every neighborhood. Eventually, as we fill the state leadership and networking positions, we plan on having regional meetings along with a national meeting. The position of State and Network leader is assigned by The Holy Spirit. We are obedient to work with individuals who are called to this ministry.



## Application & Activation

### The definition of "apostle"

- The word "apostle" comes from the Greek word *apostolos*, which means "one sent from or forth, a messenger, delegate"
- Used in Two different senses:
  1. Any individual sent to accomplish a particular task (Acts 14:14; 13:2-4; 2 Corinthians 8:33; Hebrews 3:1)
  2. An apostle of Jesus Christ, selected by Him as one of His original representatives or ambassadors (2 Cor. 5:20; Matthew 10:1-5; Acts 1:16-26; 9:15; 22:14-15; 26:16-18; 1 Corinthians 15:8-9; Galatians 1:11-12, 15-16)

There are no "LONE RANGERS" that are effective in the Kingdom

Jesus sent out Teams

HE is still sending out Teams

Find an Apostolic Team that is on the Ekklesia / Kingdom of God Assignment

Continue to connect with the folks you have invited to your house for a meal.

For the Application and Activation in this chapter, what we are going to ask you to do is to consider this thought. There are no lone rangers that are really effective in the kingdom ministry. We need one another. We need other people around us that are like-minded. I do. I can't tell you how thrilled my soul became when I connected with the people that are on our leadership team. Because they are all like-minded.

We all see the Kingdom of God, we all understand Ekklesia. We all understand the problems of the institutional traditional church system and we all left it for the same reasons. There is no one out there that is effective now. You might try to be effective but you're going to get beat up. What we're asking you to do is to get involved. Find an apostolic team that's on an Ekklesia and Kingdom of God assignment. If it's not Omega Kingdom Ministry find another one.

There are a few others out there. There are not a whole lot of them but there are some out there. We encourage you to get involved, get plugged in, you need what I call "the juice". The juice is what flows through the relationship of being connected so that you're not all alone out there on your own getting beat up. The church system and the religious demons are going to come after you.

You may feel pressure and the persecution to get back involved in church. They want you in church. They may try to make you feel like you've lost your salvation because you left church. It is important that you know that church is not the dispenser of salvation. Jesus and the Holy Spirit are. The whole idea that church is the dispenser of salvation is a Roman Catholic doctrine. Jesus is the dispenser. The Holy Spirit is the one who convicts and calls people, not the church. You may feel pressure from them and persecution. It is important that you have fellowship with like-minded people, so, find an apostolic team. If it's Omega Kingdom Ministry we'd love to have you continue to be part of what we're doing. Continue to connect with the folks that you have invited to your house for a meal in the past few weeks. Continue to develop those relationships with them and keep meeting together. Start meeting with them on a regular weekly basis.