

# Building an Ekklesia

Matthew 16:18-19

# Understanding Ekklesia

- To the Greeks-An Ekklesia was a ruling body which governed a city, territory or nation
- Was in use 500 years BC
- Function was
  - Make Laws; Final Decision on Law
  - Declaring War; Military Strategy
  - Electing military generals and other officials

# Understanding Ekklesia Cont'd

- The Romans also used the word Ekklesia
- To them it meant:
  - A group of Roman citizens, called out to go into a conquered region. They would teach the language of Rome, the culture of Rome, until everything walked, talked and acted like Rome.
  - Jesus called this leaven. Another parable spake He unto them: The Kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, until the whole was leavened. Matthew 13:33
  - Jesus also called it Salt and Light. You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

The Church is not only a relational congregation-but  
also a governing body.  
Christ intent for the Ekklesia is:

- Engage in the world and govern in the world from a Christ perspective
- Legislate in the Spirit-Implement in the earth
- Heavenize the earth (Leaven of the Kingdom)
- Influence all 7 cultural mountains, which are: Religion, Family, Government, Education, Business, Arts & Entertainment, Media,
- Initiate Awakening

## Christ's Intent for the Ekklesia is:

- Initiate Awakening & Reformation
  - Matthew 18:19
    - Bind and Loose in accordance with heavens plan
- Awakening
  - Mark 16:15-20
    - Signs & Wonders, Healing, Gifts of Spirit, Harvest of Souls. This is done on a supernatural level



- Initiate Reformation
  - Genesis 1-26-28 Matthew 28:19
    - Those who become His disciples are to represent His Kingdom rule and will in the earth.
    - Called out to affect the culture of our city, state and nation. Not just a full church on Sunday.
    - Recapture the cultural commission of discipling nations and having global influence.
    - The Ekklesia is outwardly focused and is called to effectively reach their city.
    - The Ekklesia is call to a high level spiritual warfare for a community.

<b>Ekklesia</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
Challenges the Status Quo	Assembles to find peace in the cultural environment
Requires commitment that all it's members represent the Kingdom of God in all of life	Requires commitment that involves Sunday ministry and church involvement
Trains people for all of life... Pr 22:6	Trains people for congregation life
Effects change in the community	Affects change in individuals

<b>Ekklesia</b>	<b>Congregation</b>
At war with demonic entities in the heavenly spheres Eph. 1:3; 1:20; 2:6; 3:10; 6:12	At war to bring deliverance to some individual members
Sends people to serve in communities Mark 16:15	Calls for the community to attend Sunday service
Brings the Kingdom of God to Earth (Heavenize the Earth) Matt. 6:10	Wants joy in the heart of it's members
Expands Kingdom Influence by converting people to be Christ following disciples	Appeals to the felt needs of the people and provides a place of worship



Ekklesia	Congregation
Outwardly focused on stewarding the earth Gen. 1:28 Gen. 2:15	Heavenly Minded Col 3:1-2
Engages in Holy Spirit empowered humanitarianism	Holy Spirit empowered piety
Sanctified to serve others	Saved for the sake of sanctification
Embraces God's design for the saints in each cultural mountain	Focuses on the saints calling to the local church

Ekklesia	Congregation
<p>Preaches Christ rose from the dead to “fill all things.” Eph 4:10 Purpose Acts 26:15-18</p>	<p>Preaches Christ rose from the dead to take you to heaven and save you from hell</p>
<p>Believes that God has a divine plan to inhabit and change the earth</p>	<p>Believes that God has a plan to inhabit the person and change them</p>
<p>Disciples Entire Nations Matt. 28:19</p>	<p>Disciples individuals and individual people groups</p>

Ekklesia	Congregation
Has a vision for the whole community	Has a vision for the congregation
Influences each of the 7 cultural mountains	Functions only in the mountain of “religion”
Connects with other Ekklesia for greater synergy	Connects with those in the congregation