

EKKLESIA Overview

1	what happens in church every Sunday is extraordinary
2	the word is preached, people worship God
3	there is repentance, reconcillation
4	nothing comes a close second to that
5	but what must we do for that that happened once a week
6	to happen everyday out there in the marketplace
7	in this video that you're about to watch
8	I'll show you why, how, when and where to do that
9	watch it, as a pastor, you will be inspired
10	as a church member, you will be empowered
11	and the Kingdom of God will manifest itself where the gates of Hades are currently ruling
12	so let's go now into the heart of the book
13	that is sort of a manual for the principles that are being presented
14	let me take you from the known to the unknown
15	these are very intriguing questions that gave birth to this book
16	Number one - if the church is so important
17	why did Jesus speak only twice about it
18	furthermore, why is it that there are no instructions
19	or a commend on Church planting in the New Testament
20	as important as church planting is
21	how does the church today compared to the EKKLESIA in the New Testament
22	look at the metrics of the EKKLESIA in the New Testament
23	Number one - members devoted to their teachers leading
24	Number two - individual and corporate prosperity
25	to meet the needs inside and outside of their circles
26	Number three - daily numerical growth
27	Number four - ongoing and expanding favor with outsiders
28	and Number five - signs and wonders - what we call here "divine downloads"
29	it was definitely a different kind of church or it look different
30	it was always people, not buildings
31	it was vibrant, expansive
32	operating 24/7 unstoppable capacity for growth
33	it set the agenda rather than being an item on somebody else's agenda
34	so the question is, why such low performance and little Social relevance today
35	could it be that we have confined to four walls, once a week
36	what is meant to operate 24/7 all over the city in the marketplace?
37	You see, the other side of the church is the Kingdom of God
38	They go together
39	And when Jesus launch the church
40	He described the Kingdom of God as: Leaven, Light, Water, Salt
41	Leaven in a jar doesn't do what they supposed to do
42	Light that is blocked creates darkness
43	Water that doesn't run becomes putrid
44	Salt in a shaker doesn't do any good to the meal
45	So we need to take these into the Society
46	Is there something that we have not tap into yet
47	and if so, what is it
48	I mean when Jesus introduced the EKKLESIA
49	His intention all along was to co-opt an existing secular institution
50	And impregnate it with His Kingdom DNA

51	Let me explain these by taking you back to the Genesis of the EKKLESIA
52	There were three main institutions in Israel during New Testament days
53	number one - the temple
54	number two - the synagogue
55	number three - the church
56	the EKKLESIA, the word translated "Church" in our Bibles
57	the temple was a religious place
58	where people met with representatives of God, the Priest
59	the synagogue was another religious place
60	where God's people met with each other
61	but the EKKLESIA, the EKKLESIA secular
62	was a Roman institution where it was an assembly of people
63	Deputized by the emperor to introduce and implement the laws of the empire
64	and the function of that EKKELSIA was to teach the language and the culture of Rome
65	until everything and everyone walked, talked and acted like Rome
66	Very interestingly, Jesus didn't say
67	"I will build my temple or I will build my synagogue"
68	but he said "I will build my EKKLESIA"
69	basically what he was implying, there already exists an EKKLESIA, a secular one
70	which is governed by evil forces
71	they are called the Gates of Hades
72	but I am releasing a new EKKLESIA, a group of people
73	because an EKKLESIA means an assembly of people
74	and when these two meet, mine will win
75	therefore when their disciple heard the word EKKLESIA
76	they didn't need much explanation
77	because the frame of reference was a singular entity already in existence in the marketplace
78	except that this new EKKLESIA was going to be Jesus's EKKLESIA
79	pay attention to this
80	He co-opted a major institution
81	that was operating in the marketplace with imperial authority
82	and infused it with God's Kingdom DNA
83	Number two, He went beyond that
84	He also co-opted the Conventus
85	Conventus Civium Romanorum, the correct word
86	and that meant that Roman citizens met, anywhere
87	the power and the authority of the emperor was with them
88	isn't that what Jesus said about His church
89	"when two or three of you get together, I am there in your midst"
90	but it goes beyond, He also co-opted the term "apostle"
91	today is a religious term
92	but in Jesus day, it described the admiral in charge of a fleet
93	loaded with building materials and all kinds of people with building expertise
94	carpenters, plumbers, engineers, architects...
95	that they were sent out to build in the new territory, a city that looked like Rome
96	so my friends, reflect on these
97	He co-opted the EKKLESIA
98	He co-opted the Conventus
99	And He co-opted the office of Apostle
100	And that's why when you are commission as a minister in the marketplace
101	you are one of those ships taking building material to establish the Kingdom of God in new territory
102	in the Bible, the EKKLESIA was a building-less mobile people movement
103	designed to operate 24/7 in the marketplace

104	to impact everybody and also everything
105	by selecting the EKKLESIA model over the temple or the synagogue
106	Jesus chose an agency better suited to succeed in the marketplace
107	Because His ultimate objective was to see nations disciplined
108	By inserting the leaven of His Kingdom into their social fiber through the EKKLESIA
109	Which is people
110	Now I want you to read out loud with me, these paragraph
111	because it encapsulate the whole concept
112	Jesus' EKKLESIA was not meant to be a sterile, sanitized holding tank
113	into which His disciples
114	were to store in frozen isolation converts fished out of the turbulent and doomed sea
115	to await the arrival of the refrigerator ship
116	that will transfer them to a heavenly port for final processing
117	No! Instead, His Ekklesia
118	whether in the embryonic expression of the Conventus or in a more expansive version
119	was designed to inject the leaven of the Kingdom of God into the dough of society
120	so that first people, then cities and eventually nations would be disciplined
121	my friends, without God we can't do it
122	but the interesting thing is
123	without us, God won't do it
124	that's why your participation is so important
125	and let's take inspiration from apostle Paul
126	in Acts 19:11 we read
127	and all who lived in Asia heard the Lord
128	"and God was performing extra ordinarily miracles by the hands of Paul"
129	Who performed the miracles? God
130	Whose hands did He used? Paul
131	Where is God? Here
132	Where is Paul? He's not here
133	Who is here today? You and I
134	God wants to use you to perform extraordinary miracles
135	How did they work? it says in the Bible that
136	"handkerchiefs or aprons were carried from Paul's body to the sick,
137	He was working, making tents
138	and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out"
139	why? Because Paul was a minister in the marketplace
140	in other word, whatever instrument touched Paul, became a vehicle for transformation
141	whatever you do and touch, is potentially a vehicle for transformation
142	what does that mean today
143	well Jesus co-opted the EKKLESIA, He assembled people
144	even as little as two or three, in the Conventus form
145	He also co-opted the Office of Apostle
146	and today you are part of a fleet of ships
147	That are going to take God's Kingdom, to regions where the Kingdom is unknown
148	My friend, without God we can't
149	but with God we certainly can