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### The Purpose

- To help believers make an informed, biblically sound decision regarding the Lord's ekklesia
- Outline principles for leaving what we know as 'the church' to enter into what the Lord said He would build – ekklesia
- Leaving does not mean abandoning the core tenets of the faith, but rather to put them into a workable context that reflects the will of the Father
- Entering ekklesia is to serve as 'called out' citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven who implement the will of the Father through Jesus Christ

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### What you will learn

1. Why Ekklesia?
2. Biblical View of the Ekklesia
3. Working Definition of Ekklesia
4. The Language of Transition
5. Moving Forward
6. How to start the Journey

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 – Author  
**Ekklesia**  
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There is no way around it: the Greek word *ekklesia* means something more and different than the English word church. The gap is meaningful and real

Words create culture. By adopting the word church with its totally different etymology, instead of the more contextually accurate word of Christ, *ekklesia*, the movement of God has been in a rut for 2,000 years

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**Why Ekklesia?**

- ▶ Ekklesia is what Jesus Christ said He would build
- ▶ The word **church** is both a mistranslation and a misrepresentation of what He said
- ▶ Access into the Ekklesia is by revelation of Jesus Christ – not joining a system or movement
- ▶ Revelation creates the possibility for divine reality to find a place of manifestation in the earth
- ▶ In transition, your actions will reflect the power of your revelation

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**Biblical View of the Ekklesia**

- ▶ Ekklesia is governmental and the sole representative of the Kingdom of Heaven in the earth
- ▶ The concern of the King is His citizenry, His Kingdom, and its expansion in the earth
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### A Working Definition of Ekklesia

- ▶ The Ekklesia is an assembly of called out believers
- ▶ Committed to the Kingdom Mandate
- ▶ Who gather one or more times each week (for a definable purpose) under the Headship of Jesus Christ
- ▶ Who are submitted to each other in love
- ▶ Who support each other's on-going work of being and making disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ
- ▶ Who edify, exhort, and comfort one another
- ▶ Who submit and relate to elders, ministry gifts, and apostolic leaders
- ▶ Who participate in planting and supporting new assemblies of believers to do the same with their prayers, time, finances, and material resources

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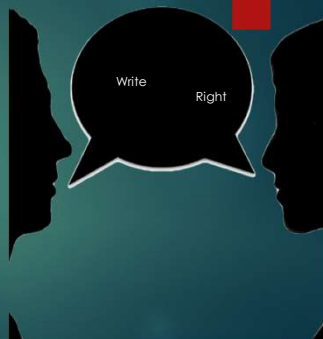
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### The Language of Transition

- ▶ Transition means that at times you will only 'see' your destination without having the language to describe it
- ▶ Similarity of words does not imply similarity of understanding
- ▶ What you 'articulate' about ekklesia will drive how you 'demonstrate' it



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Moving Forward...



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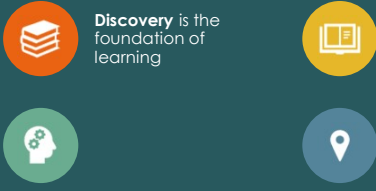
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Moving Forward...



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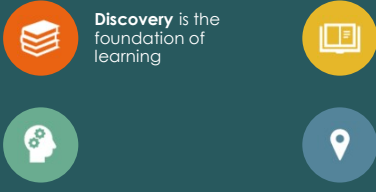
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Moving Forward...



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Until you are willing to move into uncharted territories you will only learn in theory

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**HOW TO START THE JOURNEY**



- ▶ If you don't have a picture of where you are going you will never know when you have arrived
- ▶ The revelation of where you are going has to be greater than the comfort of where you are
- ▶ You have to learn to navigate by the spirit when you've lost sight of where you left, and cannot fully see where you are going
- ▶ Answers don't come until you become willing to move
- ▶ Allies are discovered on the journey

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Leaving <sup>Becoming</sup>  
**CHURCH** **EKKLESIA**



Because Jesus never said  
He would build a church  
**TIM KURTZ**

## What Do We Go From Here?

I believe we are on the very early stages of a transition that will impact 'church' as we know it. I believe what we know as 'church' will be dramatically different within the next ten years. Some of the changes will be in response to social, political, and economic pressure. But I believe the real change will take place when believers embrace their true identity as the Lord's ekklesia, His powerful ruling council in the earth.

What happens next? You decide, my friend, because, LEAVING CHURCH, in order to BECOME the Lord's EKKLESIA is in your hands.

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