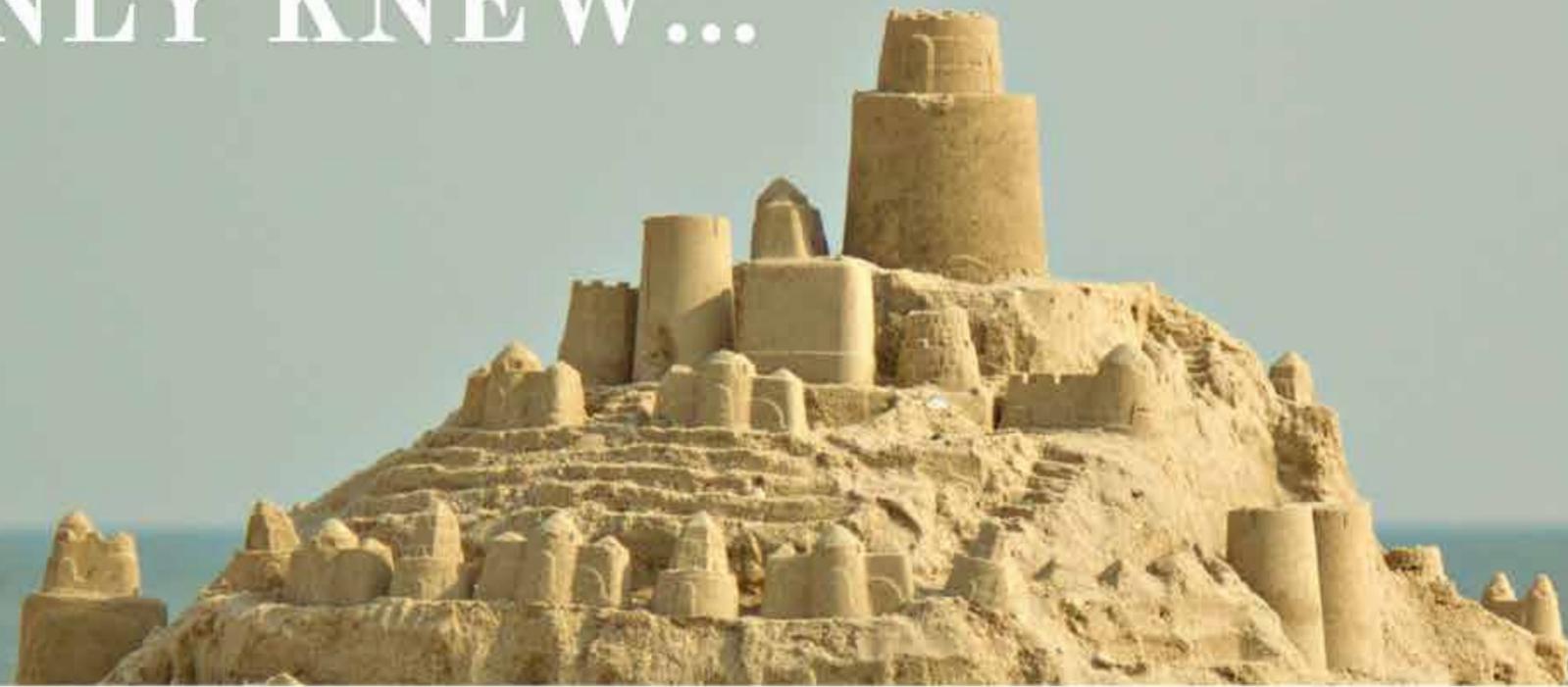


IF YOU ONLY KNEW...



...REDISCOVERING THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL





***Romans 1:16 NIV 16***

**For I am not ashamed of the gospel,  
because it is the power of God that brings  
salvation to everyone who believes**





*Matthew 16:18 (ESV)*

**18 And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock  
I will build my church, and the gates of hell  
shall not prevail against it.**





# **CHURCH:**

**Ekklesia “People with shared belief,  
community... common identity” BDAG**



# **NEW TESTAMENT EKKLESIA DIFFERENT THAN THE SYNAGOGUE**

- **Shepherd and the sheep (John 10:11-15)**
- **Vine and the branches (John 15:1-8)**
- **Cornerstone and the living stones of His Temple (Eph. 2:19-22)**
- **High Priest and the kingdom of priests (Heb. 5:1-11 1st Peter 2:9-10)**
- **Head and the body with its many members (I Cor. 12:12-13; Eph. 5:23)**
- **Bridegroom and the Bride (Rev. 21:9).**

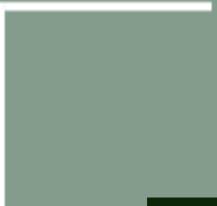




# **THE LIVING CHURCH**

**A living breathing organism that carried  
His presence to restore the brokenness of  
humanity**





# **THE CHURCH...**

- **The salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)**
- **The light of the world (Matthew 5:14)**
- **The display of the wisdom of God (Ephesians 3:10)**
- **Restores and Repairs the brokenness of our world (2 Corinthians 5:18)**
- **Represent Gods Kingdom ( 2 Corinthians 5:20)**





*Romans 1:16a NIV*

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## **GOSPEL:**

**Euangelion often used in “bringing news of victory” or “declaring a victory.”**



**“A messenger comes from the place of battle and declares victory over enemies or the death of the opponent. This messenger regards himself as a bearer of good tidings (2 S. 4:10... Every messenger from a battlefield came to be called *εὐαγγελιστής* (Euangelistou translated Evangelist)” Theological Dictionary of the New Testament**





**The gospel is the fullness of the life and ministry  
of Jesus that we now have available to us**





*Luke 4:18-19*

**The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, 19 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”**





*Luke 4:20-21*

**And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. 21 And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”**





**Luke 4:40-41 ESV**

**40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. 41 And demons also came out of many, crying, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.**





*Matthew 10:1 ESV*

**And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.**





*Luke 10:17-19*

**17 The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” 18 And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.**





*Luke 9:57-58*

**As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” 58 And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”**





**“(Jesus) is ultimately a misfit in this world where the invasion of the kingdom of God is considered to be an intrusion.” *Nolland, J. (1998). Luke 9:21–18:34***





# Disciples Surrender... Convenience





**“Through their attempts to delay obedience, however, they expose the hollowness of their affirmation.”** *Green, J. B. (1997). The Gospel of Luke (p. 408)*





***Luke 9:59-60***

**To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.”<sup>60</sup> And Jesus[a] said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”**





**“The practice of primary burial (in which the corpse is placed in a sealed tomb) followed by secondary burial... with (an) additional twelve months between burial and reburial providing for the completion of the work of mourning.”**

***Green, J. B. (1997). The Gospel of Luke (p. 408).***





# Disciples Surrender... Comfort





**The Comfort Zone isn't a physical space, it's a way of life that avoids anything that might be painful. Merely escaping pain isn't enough for us. We insist that the pain be replaced with pleasure. We do this with an endless array of addictive activities. Examples include internet surfing, drugs and alcohol, pornography, the aptly named "comfort food." Doctors Phil Stutz and Barry Michels**





***Luke 9:61-62***

**61 Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.”**

**62 Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”**





**“The kingdom of God (requires) the reorganization of former allegiances.”**

***Green, J. B. (1997). The Gospel of Luke (p. 408).***





# Disciples Surrender... Control

