

session two:

“The High Value of the Local Church”



2. the local church





**NEW COVENANT MINISTRY
WITHOUT NEW COVENANT
COMMUNITY LACKS
ACCOUNTABILITY. A LACK
OF **ACCOUNTABILITY**
PRODUCES A ROGUE THEOLOGY.
A **ROGUE** THEOLOGY PRODUCES
REBELLION AND APATHY.**



ORGANIC ... **NOT** ORGANIZATIONAL.

SPIRIT-LED ... **NOT** LEADER-LED.

UNSTRUCTURED ... **NOT** STRUCTURED.

SMALL GROUPS WHERE EVERYONE CAN HAVE A SAY ...
NOT CORPORATE GATHERINGS WHERE EVERYONE LISTENS.

REACHING PEOPLE ... **NOT** GATHERING BEHIND FOUR WALLS.

CHURCH IS BOTH ORGANIC ... AND ORGANIZED.

CHURCH IS BOTH SPIRIT-LED ... AND LEADER-LED.

CHURCH IS A BALANCE OF BEING UNSTRUCTURED ...
AND HAVING STRUCTURE.

THE **CHURCH** MEETS PUBLICLY ... AND FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE.

THE **CHURCH** REACHES THE LOST ... AND GATHERS REGULARLY.

“I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; and from among your own selves will arise men speaking twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them.”

Acts 20:29-30



**STRONG, GROWING LOCAL CHURCHES
THAT GATHER BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY.
THAT ARE LED BY ELDERS WHO ARE IN
PARTNERSHIP WITH FIVEFOLD MINISTRY
APOSTLES, PROPHETS, EVANGELISTS,
PASTORS, AND TEACHERS.**

**WHERE THE PEOPLE
HONOR AND ARE
SUBMITTED TO
THE ELDERS.**

**WHERE THE ELDERS BRING
DOCTRINE, DIRECTION,
DISCIPLINE, AND PROTECTION
AND WHO LOVE, LEAD,
AND FEED THE PEOPLE.**

**WHERE THE BODY IS EMPOWERED FOR
WORKS OF SERVICE TO BUILD UP THE
LOCAL CHURCH AND TO GO OUT AND
ESTABLISH MORE LOCAL CHURCHES
ALL OVER THE WORLD.**

**IT'S A BODY OF PEOPLE IN
COVENANT RELATIONSHIP WITH
ONE ANOTHER WHO GATHER
CORPORATELY AND FROM HOUSE
TO HOUSE TO DEVOTE THEMSELVES
TO APOSTOLIC TEACHING, FELLOWSHIP,
BREAKING OF BREAD, PRAYER,
FINANCIAL GIVING, HEALING,
EVANGELISM, PRAISING GOD AND MUCH MORE.**

**A CHURCH THAT CAN
GROW VERY LARGE AND
REMAIN UNIFIED, CARING,
AND FRUITFUL.**

3 TABLE QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

1

WHY IS BEING A PART OF A LOCAL CHURCH SO IMPORTANT FOR BELIEVERS IN YOUR OPINION?

2

COMMUNITY BRINGS HEALTHY ACCOUNTABILITY. HOW DOES THIS HELP US USHER IN A "REVOLUTION" AS OPPOSED TO LEADING A "REBELLION"?

3

WHAT'S AN EXAMPLE OF AN ISSUE WHERE THE CHURCH SHOULD BE MORE KNOWN FOR WHAT WE STAND FOR RATHER THAN WHAT WE STAND AGAINST?