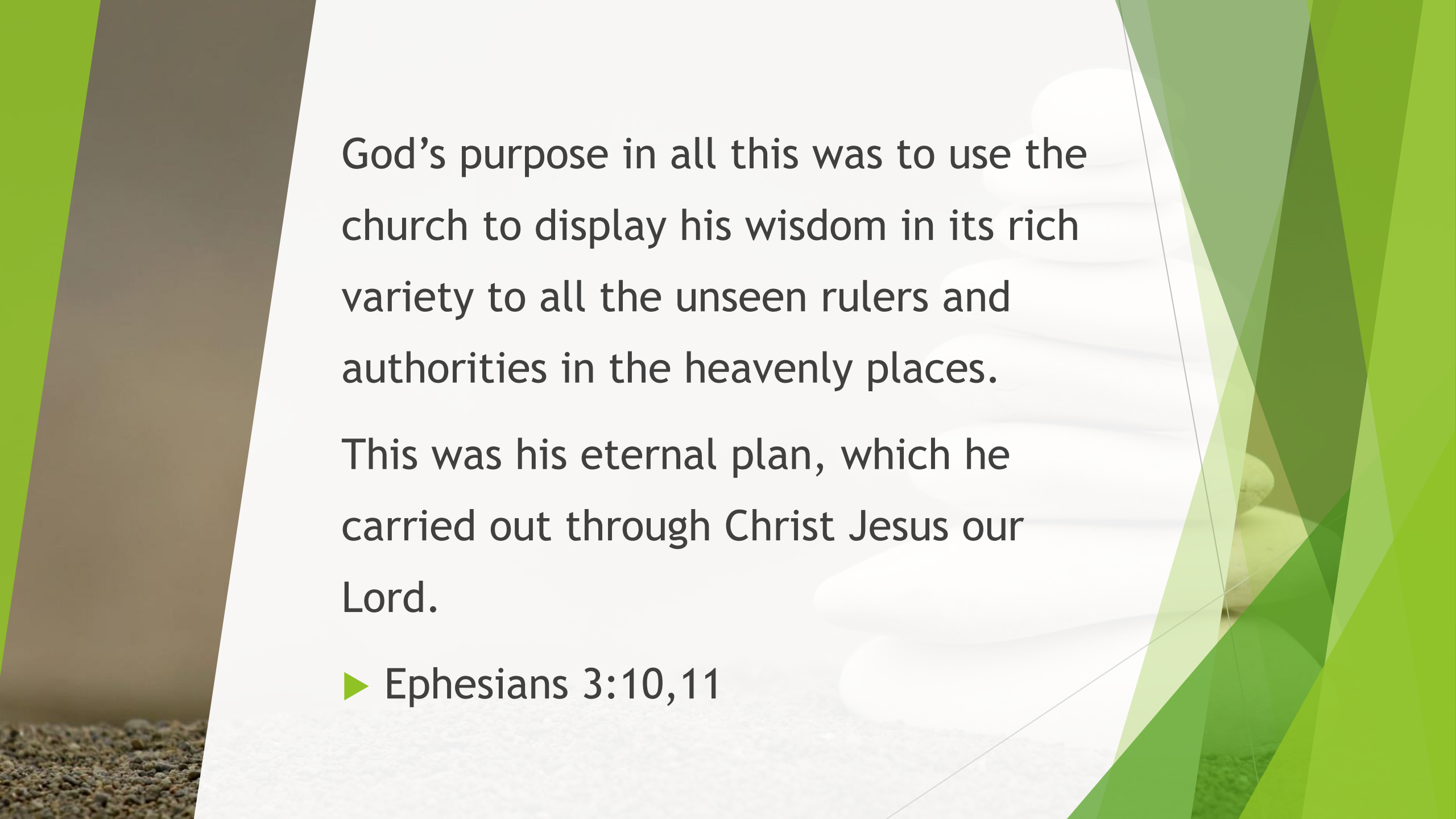




Planting Faith Communities

Ekklesiology of Movements

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A background image showing a hand holding a stone, with green and brown geometric shapes overlaid.

God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.

► Ephesians 3:10,11

Plant Faith Communities that are...

1. True to Scripture
2. Relevant in expression
3. Easy to multiply



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Stay true to Scripture

*not your tradition!”

Multiple ways we use the word “church”

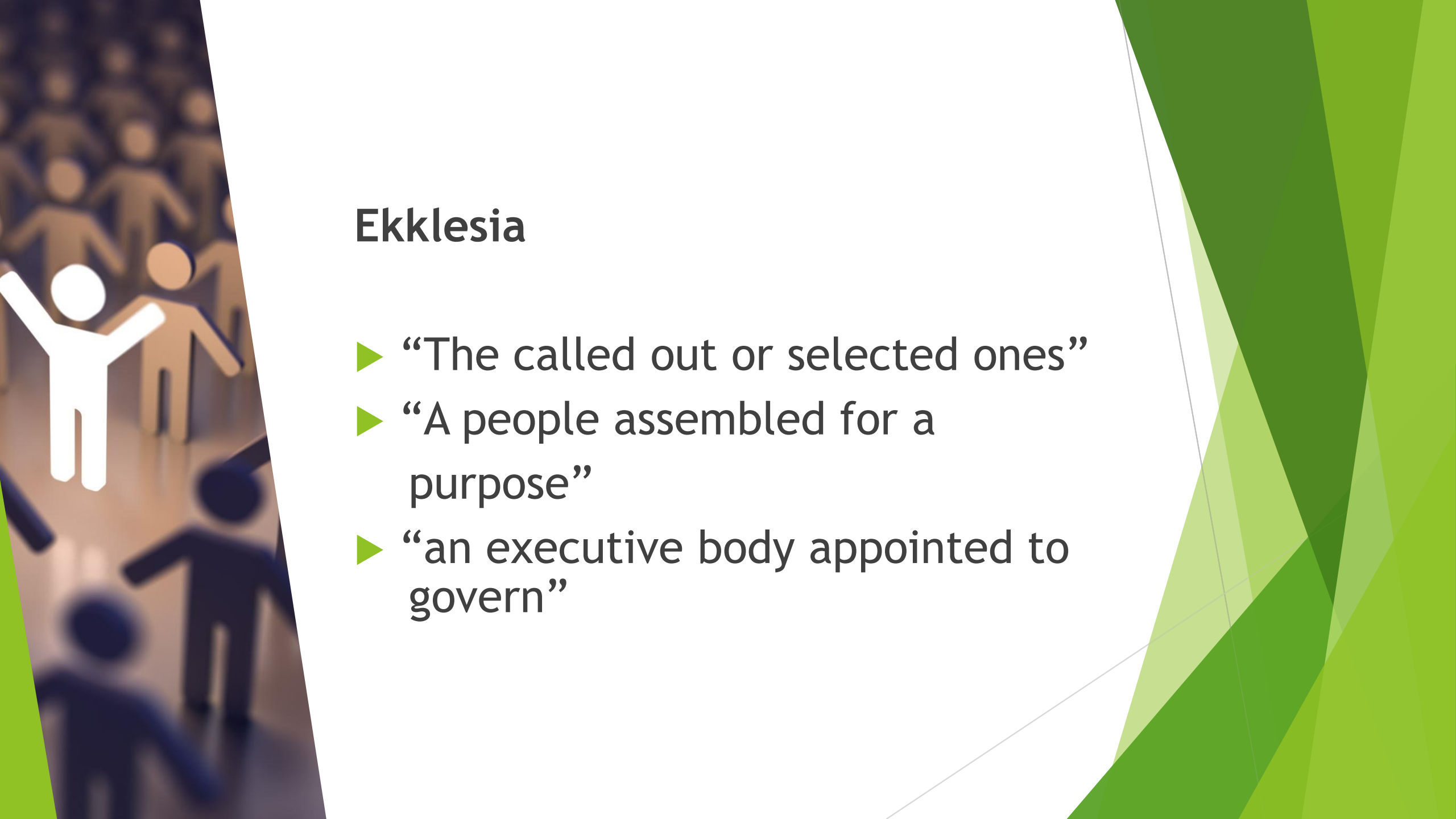
- ▶ The Building
- ▶ The Meeting
- ▶ The Ceremony or Service
- ▶ The People Gathered
- ▶ The People, not necessarily gathered
- ▶ The Local Community of believers
- ▶ The Denomination
- ▶ The universal Church
- ▶ The Institution



The Movement Dilemma: when is it church?

- ▶ Some friends meet for coffee
- ▶ They read scripture and discuss
- ▶ They seek to obey scripture
- ▶ They serve each other
- ▶ They grow in number
- ▶ Some get baptized
- ▶ They begin to worship together
- ▶ They call themselves a church
- ▶ They give themselves a name
- ▶ They choose leaders
- ▶ They are acknowledged as church
- ▶ They register with Government
- ▶ They open a bank account
- ▶ They build a building
- ▶ They plant another church





Ekklesia

- ▶ “The called out or selected ones”
- ▶ “A people assembled for a purpose”
- ▶ “an executive body appointed to govern”

Church is...
...the people of Jesus,
inhabited by the
presence of Jesus,
on mission to fulfill the
purpose of Jesus.





5 BASIC FUNCTIONS

- ▶ Worship
- ▶ Community
- ▶ Disciple Making
- ▶ Ministry
- ▶ Mission



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Be Culturally Relevant

Re-imagine Church



What would church look like
in this community?





3

Plant Church that
multiplies easily

If they're not
making babies,
they're not
healthy!





Everything must be built
to multiply

- ▶ Disciples
- ▶ Faith Communities
- ▶ Leaders



Planting Faith Communities

- ▶ Build a Biblical understanding of church
- ▶ Re-imagine new forms that are culturally relevant
- ▶ Plant Faith Communities that multiply easily

Questions for Discussion

1. How do you define church? What is the minimum requirement for a group to be a viable church?
2. What does church look like that is culturally relevant to the community you serve?
3. How would you plant Faith Communities that multiply easily?