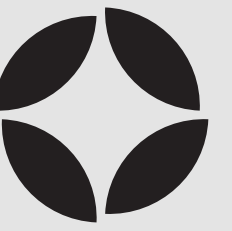




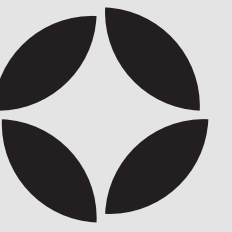
SESSION ONE: DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH



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Doctrine of the Church

- How the does the Bible portray the church?
- How do we apply these images in building the local church?



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What comes to mind when you hear the word, 'church'? How is that view formed?



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Ekklesia (ἐκκλησία) = an assembly of citizens called out from their homes into a public place.

- **Ek:** a preposition meaning "out of"
- **Kaleō:** a verb meaning "to call"

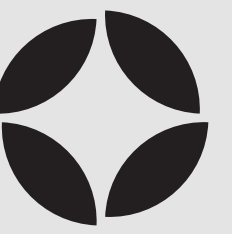


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Old Testament:

- A **chosen people**
- A distinct **holy nation**
- The '**city of God**'
- the **temple**



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New Testament:

- Jesus came for a **people of His own**.
- He began by calling to himself a **small group**.
(Mark 3:13-19).
- **Sent out** locally and then to the nations
- Presence and empowered.
- For all people. 'The Way' (Jewish) to 'Christian'
(All people).



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The church is also described in terms of relationship to the Godhead:

In relation to God the Father:

- **Family of God.**
- **People of God.**
- **City of God**
- **Building of God**
- **Extending the kingdom**



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In Relation to God the Son

- **The body of Christ.**

- **The Bride of Christ.**

(Ephesians 5:25-32. Revelation 19:7-8, 21:2.)



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In relation to God the Spirit

- The temple of the Holy Spirit.



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As you think about these images of the church, how do you see them being demonstrated in Church Crawley?

How are we living them out and what is still to be done?

How can you be a part of that?