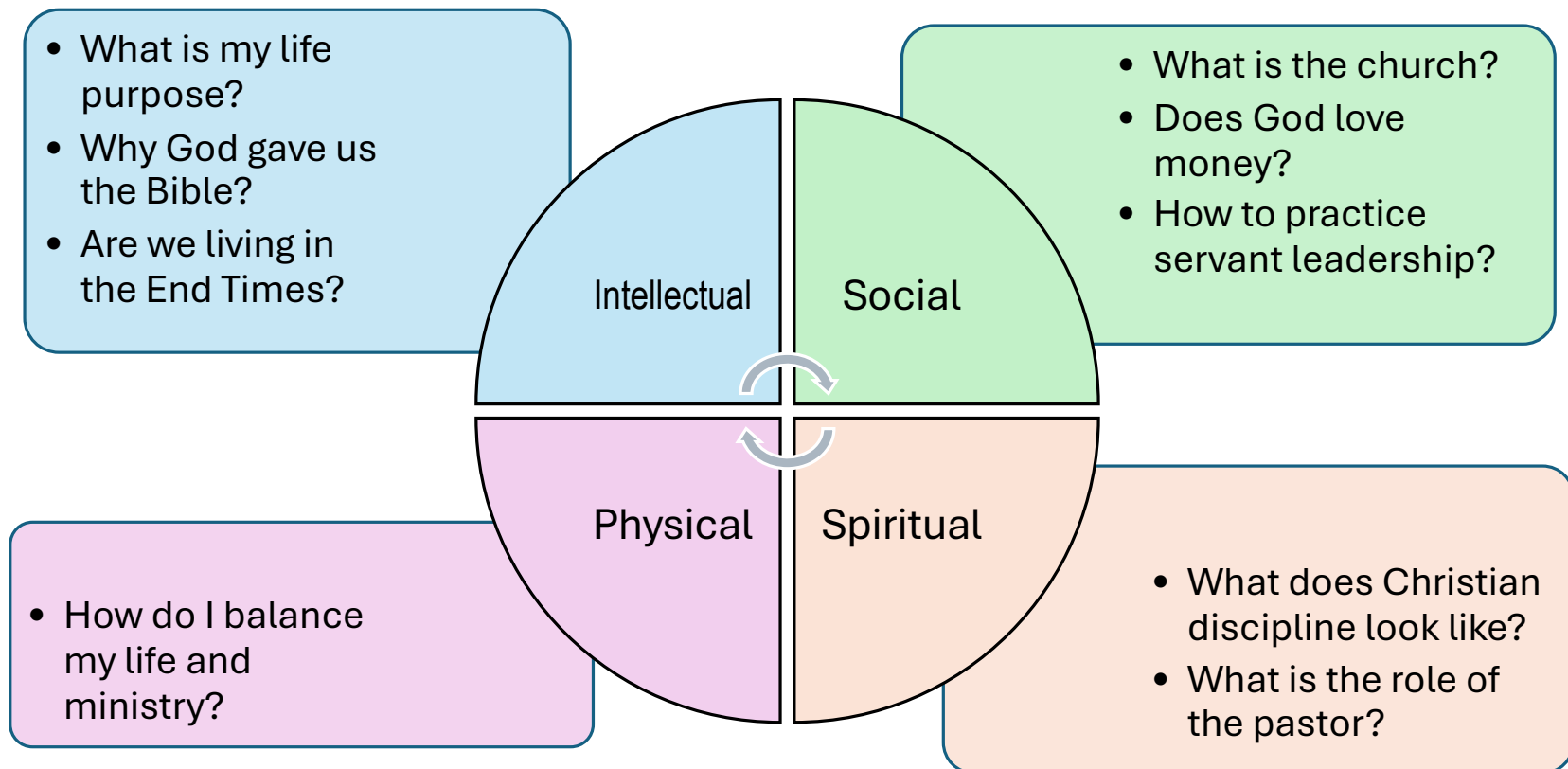




Holistic Growth For Ministry Impact

Session 4
Church

Session Topics



Church (Ekklesia)

- Ek (out of, out from), Kaleo (called, summoned)
- The invisible church: The called out ones
- Called out from death to life (Ephesians 2:1-10)
- Called out from darkness into light (1 Peter 2:9)
- Called out from impure to a holy living (1 Thes. 4:7, 2 Tim 1:9)

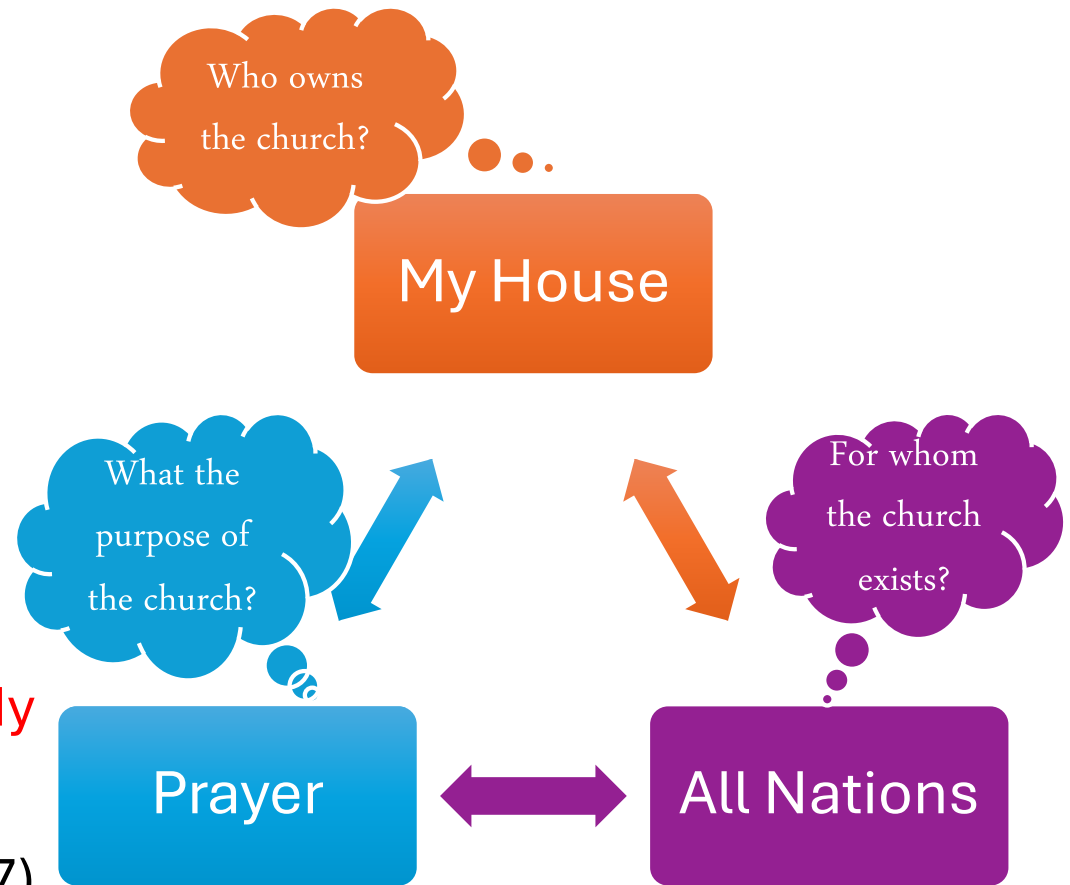


What is the church?

- Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God... to the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and **called to be his holy people, together** with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 1:2)
- For where two or three gather **in my name**, there am I with them (Matthew 18:20)
- God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, **were saved** through water (1 Peter 3:20)
- So I (Cornelius) sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here **in the presence of God** to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us (Acts 10:33)

What is the church?

- These I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; **for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.** (Isaiah 56:7)
- It is written, he said to them, '**My house will be called a house of prayer,**' but you are making it 'a den of robbers.' (Matthew 21:17)



Who owns the church?

- The church belongs to God
 - My house....
 - Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the holy spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God which he bought with his blood (Acts 20:28)
 - Christ loved the church and gave his life for it (Ephesians 5;25)

What the purpose of the church?

- The purpose of church: the exaltation of God
 - A house of prayer...
 - God has called us to live “for the praise of His glory” (Ephesians 1:12).
 - Prayer is giving our attention to God in a two-way spiritual relationship where we talk to God and also listen to Him. Prayer is like a child’s conversation with their father. It is natural for a child to ask his father for the things they need.



God wants an evangelical church

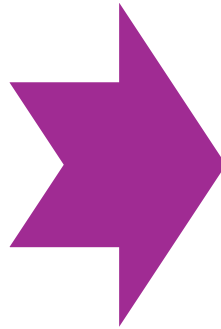
- God wants the church to carry the truth to the world.
 - To make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord (Ephesians 3:9-11).
 - If I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth (1 Timothy 3:15).

For whom the church exists?

- Church exists for the world
 - The church is God's essential instrument to carry out His purpose for this world and people
- For all nations...
 - EKKLESIA
 - The church exists for the world (not for the members)
 - The people walking in darkness have seen a great light, on those living in the land of the shadow of death, a light has dawn (Isiah 9:2-3)
 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them... (Matthew 28:19)

- Church is

- A building (place)
- An institution
- A denomination
- A facility



- Church is

- A family (people)
- A fellowship
- A body
- A flock

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