

## Establishing Churches 1 – Every Tribe and Tongue

Quote: C Peter Wagner – “The single most effective evangelistic methodology under heaven is planting new churches.”

What Is A Church?

- A building?
- An event?

“church” = In English, comes from the Greek word *kyriakon*... which came to imply “house of the Lord,” but really means simply “of the Lord” or “belonging to the Lord”

1 Peter 2:4-6 - 4 As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, 5 you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

“church” = Greek *ekklésia* = an assembly... Used in Greek cities to talk about an assembly of citizens that made the decisions for the town

- Made up of 2 words (*ek* = double-layered meaning of “out from” and “into” + *kaleo* = “to call”... those who are called out from one thing and into another... the church, called out of the world and into God’s family)

1 Peter 2:9-10 - 9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Revelation 5:6-10 - 6 And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. 7 And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, 10 and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”