

# CHURCHatHOME

The Grassroots of a Global Movement

**My desire is that this series will empower you,  
make you ready and responsible to lead and  
contribute to the original church, home.**

**“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”**

**Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” — Acts 2:42-47**

Who are “they”?

**Ekklessia: Assembly or Gathering**

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## When Metaphors Define Mission

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**Church**: A born again community, gathered and assembled around the living Jesus, and joined together with one another for the purposes of God in the world.

# Metaphors that define Mission:

## 1. Body: *(Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:7,12-13, 27; Ephesians 4:12-15)*

- working out the heart and purposes of God on the earth.
- maturing in love.
- **Reveal God as Good.**
- **Who are you serving?**

## 2. Bride: *(John 3:29, Revelation 19:7)*

- faithful lover.
- captured by beauty.
- committed and covenantal love.
- **Reveal God as a God of Burning, Committed Love.**
- **Where is your loyalty?**



## Metaphors that define Mission:

### 3. Temple: *(1 Corinthians 3:16, 6:19; Ephesians 2:21)*

- the dwelling place of God's presence.
- live a life for an audience of One.
- surrender and sacrifice are significant.
- **Reveal God as a God of Refining Fire.**
- **How are you experiencing God at home?**

### 4. Flock: *(Luke 12:32; John 10:16; 1 Peter 5:2-3)*

- we experience God's leadership, protection and provision.
- we are moved by His voice.
- we embrace His correction as good for us.
- **Reveal God as a Wise and Trusted Shepherd.**
- **Where is God leading you?**

# Metaphors that define Mission:

## 5. House: *(Hebrews 3:16, 10:21; 1 Peter 2:5)*

- a place of unconditional love and acceptance.
- a place to grow.
- a place to be celebrated.
- **Reveal God as a God of Strength and Protection.**
- **How are you empowering others?**

## 6. City: *(Matthew 5:14)*

- a place of refuge.
- a lifestyle of revealing our good works.
- a place of fulfilling purpose.
- **Reveal God as a God of Mercy.**
- **How are you showing mercy?**

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## 7. Family: *(Psalm 68:6, 107:4-7; 1 Peter 5:9)*

- we discover identity.
- we develop maturity.
- we embrace destiny.
- we learn to serve others.
- **Reveal God as a Good Father.**
- **In what ways are you expressing love and calling out identity in others?**

**Metaphors define Mission.**

**Mission reveals Motives.**

**Mission needs Methods.**

**A Body is motivated by Compassion.**

**A Bride is motivated by Love.**

**A Temple is motivated by Purity.**

**A Flock is motivated by Security.**

**A House is motivated by Strength.**

**A City is motivated by Hope.**

**A Family is motivated by Covenant.**

## **Three Conclusions:**

- 1. Our homes are formed by biblical metaphors and mission.**
- 2. Our homes, attitudes, and lifestyle reveal the Kingdom of God.**
- 3. To be formed by mission and motive you need to be prayerful, intentional and patient.**

# How can I take responsibility for this message?

**Identify 1-2 metaphors and introduce new rhythms into your relationships and family.**

- a. Define expectations.
- b. Be consistent.
- c. Celebrate the subtle and positive changes.

**We fill our city with the presence of  
Christ through people, not programs  
or buildings.**



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# Metaphors as Mission Summary Chart

| <b>Metaphor</b> | <b>Mission</b>                                 | <b>Motive</b>     | <b>Consider</b>  |
|-----------------|--|-------------------|--|
| <b>Body</b>     | Reveal God as Good                             | <b>Compassion</b> | Who are you serving?   |
| <b>Bride</b>    | Reveal God as a God of Burning, Committed Love | <b>Love</b>       | Where is your loyalty?   |
| <b>Temple</b>   | Reveal God as a God of Refining Fire           | <b>Purity</b>     | How are you experiencing God as a family?                              |
| <b>Flock</b>    | Reveal God as a Wise and Trusted Shepherd      | <b>Security</b>   | Where is God leading you?  |
| <b>House</b>    | Reveal God as a God of Strength and Protection | <b>Strength</b>   | How are you empowering others?   |
| <b>City</b>     | Reveal God as a God of Mercy                   | <b>Hope</b>       | How are you showing mercy?   |
| <b>Family</b>   | Reveal God as a Good Father                    | <b>Covenant</b>   | In what ways are you expressing love & calling out identity to others? |