

CELL NOTES
For Dave Day's talk on 27 July 2008

THE CHURCH AND THE KINGDOM part 2

- The church is not the kingdom
- The church is created by the kingdom
- The church witnesses to the kingdom
- The church is the instrument of the kingdom

If the church is not the kingdom, what is the purpose of church?

A Place of Worship

THE TEMPLE

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Purpose: to put God in His right place, to give Him His right identity

Key People: Priests - they ministered to God on behalf of people and to people on behalf of God

Key Elements: Worship and sacrifice

A Place of Community

THE SYNAGOGUE

Purpose: To give the people of God identity

Key People: Rabbis

Key Elements: Community and Discipleship

A Place of Mission

THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH

The New Testament context of church was more fluid and flexible

Purpose: To fulfil the Great Commandment and Great Commission

Luke 10:27, Matt 28:18-20

Key People: An Apostolic Community

Key Elements: Seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness

The Temple and Synagogue were incomplete

Cell Questions

1. With which aspects of the church's purpose do you feel most comfortable and uncomfortable? Why is that?
2. How well do we as a church and as a cell fulfil our purpose?
3. Why is mission generally considered the hardest area in which to motivate the church?
4. Has your attitude to mission changed over the past 12 months?
5. How is that being expressed?
6. Are there practical things that can be done in the cell to develop worship, community and mission?