



## S C R I P T

# How do we handle the ingredients for building a healthy church?

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV)

And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

In the Old Testament we don't see any Hebrew words that could be translated into church, the closest words we can find in the OT are Assembly and Congregation which were related to Israel, however in the New Testament, the word church translated from Greek: Ekklesia appears about 114 times.

As Christians, we actually need to understand the meaning of the word "church" as it's there are lots of miss concepts about what the church is all about. For a better visualization, let's make a parallel between running the church & working with a MATLAB graphic. (Matrix-Laboratory)

Building the church using MATLAB graphic is the act of running the church in two different "axes" producing a common result.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Axis: The Mission of the Church: (Horizontal Line)

**Ekklesia (church) means: "Calling out" and not gathering in.**

- The OT talks about "congregation" referring to Israel, as a Nation.
- The NT talks about "church" referring to believers & disciples in whom the strength is in, being spread out "**diligently**" and not being together in a "romantic Christian relationship" (Luke 9:33).
  - # Spreading Diligently: Equipping, training and anointing.
  - # Believers not "coming to the church" but "BEEN A CHURCH"

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Axis: Jesus declaration about Peter and Himself (Vertical Line)

Jesus said to Peter: "you are Petrus" and I'm the Rock

- Petrus means "fragment" of Rock, not a Rock, but part of It.
- Jesus was reviewing Himself as The Rock, therefore He's the Foundation of the church and only on Him can the church experience the spiritual Realm.

When we adjust both axes in good levels, we actually get the "healthy balance" between:

- Horizontal and Vertical directions
- Relationship with people and intimacy with God
- Our strategies + God's Provision



### OUR MISSION

"We exist to worship God and make disciples of Jesus Christ, teaching them to serve and love God and the community, reaching out to people through a family relationship and living Bible based principles."