

**Launching An Ekklesia Movement: A Response To Social Distancing/Isolation and COVID-19**  
**How to BE THE EKKLESIA when we can't meet in a building?**

**1. We need to think differently? Think like Jesus Ekklesia**

(Matthew 16:18) Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and **upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.**

- a) Always people, not building
- b) Vibrant, expansive, 24/7 people movement with unstoppable capacity for growth
- c) Set the pace and agenda rather than being an item on somebody else's agenda
  - a) The answer isn't to stream services. **We will lose** if we reduce NPC to an online program
  - b) This must be about **making disciples** vs preaching online
    - Connecting in communities: Up, In and Out...Jesus Discipleship Funnel
  - c) Don't depend on skill set, technology and talent. **Depend on Holy Spirit**
  - d) We are **not going back** to the way things were before
  - e) **Develop leaders and release them RIGHT NOW!!!**

**2. We need to structure differently?**

(Matthew 18:20 NLT) For **where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.**"

- a) **Remove** the queen
- b) **Start now to build** where you need to go... **launching an Ekklesia movement**
  - 1) We are **no longer** pew potatoes or institutional leaders. **We are all now disciple makers**
  - 2) **Multiply** communicators
  - 3) **Dozens of Ekklesias/Mini Churches** all over our communities where **no one is left alone**
    - a. **Meet in homes** in person if safe, by zoom or FreeConferenceCall.com, Facebook NPC Pua, Nanaikapono.org
- c) Don't allow the **missing pieces** to keep you from ...
- d) The power of **absence**

| <b>How To <u>Structure</u> Differently: The power of absence</b>   |   |
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| <b>Online Services</b>   | <b>Ekklesia/Mini Churches (1 Peter 3:8-9 like-minded)</b>   |
| 1. <b>One way</b> <u>communication</u><br>2. <b>Don't create</b> <u>conversations</u><br>3. <b>Create an</b> <u>audience</u> | 1. <b>Multiplying</b> <u>leaders and small communities</u><br>2. <b>Have</b> <u>engagement</u><br>3. <b>Grow from</b> <u>tension</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Paul</b> began in <u>synagogues</u> but began <u>writing letters</u></li> </ul> |

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|  | 2. the <b>mission did not change</b> but his <b>style changed</b> ...mission + community + Holy Spirit |
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### 3. We need to **teach differently?**

(John 8:31 NLT) Jesus said to the people who believed in him, “You are truly my disciples if you **remain faithful to my teachings.**

(John 13:35 NLT) Your **love for one another** will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

- 1) Jesus used **spiritual conversations** to provoke disciples and launch the Kingdom of God
- 2) The **9 Arts of Spiritual Conversations** during social isolation
- 3) **Identify 10 people** who you will **do Ekklesia/Mini Church** with and have a spiritual conversation with and pray for on a weekly basis to the 4<sup>th</sup> generation

### 4. **5 Ways to become Jesus Ekklesia, momentum maker, history maker and world changer!** (Acts 2:42-47)

- 1) **Warmer through fellowship** (42) You were formed for God’s family
  - a) **Stay connected or get connected in your ministry (FM, greeters, hospitality, worship teams, etc.) groups or Ekklesia groups this week via social media, text, email or phone this week to be a moment maker during this time of social distancing/isolation.**
- 2) **Deeper through discipleship** (42) You were created to become like Christ
  - a) **Help your Ekklesia groups to become like Christ by helping them to grow deeper through discipleship. Ask them the So What? Now What? Questions below.**
- 3) **Stronger through worship** (46) You were planned for God’s pleasure
  - a) **Love** God supremely (Gen. 6:9; Hosea 6:6; Matt. 22:37-38)
  - b) **Trust** God completely (Heb. 11:7)
  - c) **Obey** God wholeheartedly (Gen. 6:22)
  - d) **Praise** God continually (Gen. 8:20)
  - e) **Use** our abilities (Gen. 9:1)
- 4) **Broader through ministry** (42-47) You were shaped for serving God  
**You were saved to serve and blessed to be a blessing! If you’re not involved in any service or ministry, what excuse have you been using?**
  - Abraham was old,
  - Jacob was insecure,
  - Leah was unattractive,
  - Joseph was abused,
  - Moses stuttered,
  - Gideon was poor,
  - Samson was codependent,

- Rahab was immoral,
- David had an affair and all kinds of family problems,
- Elijah was suicidal,
- Jeremiah was depressed
- Jonah was reluctant,
- Naomi was a widow
- John the Baptist was eccentric to say the least
- The Samaritan woman had several failed marriages
- Zacchaeus was unpopular
- Thomas had doubts
- Paul had poor health
- Timothy was timid.
- That is quite a variety of misfits, but God used each of them in his service. He will use you too, if you stop making excuses and start serving and blessing others.

5) **Larger through evangelism** (42-47) You were made for a mission.

God saved us to save others. God is calling you to be part of search and rescue to so none would perish but have eternal life in Chris Jesus.

**4. So What? Now What? Change what we care about (Here's what you can do....text, chat, email or call each other and ask the following so what? Now what? Questions)**

**1) "Being Church," not "Going Church"**

Stop and Think: How will you start "being the church" not just going to church?

**2) Sending capacity, not seating capacity**

Stop and Think: How will you focus on equipping your Ekklesia as disciple makers?

**3) People of God, not place of God**

"Where's Your Church?" – How would you answer that question?

"Well, it's three o'clock in Nanakuli. The church I pastor is all over the city. It is driving trucks, serving Aloha, having discussions in community meetings, and deliberating in businesses, education and government. Periodically, we get together at a building on Pua Ave., but we don't spend much time there. We're mostly in the city." (Pastor Allen)

Stop and Think: How will you help others to understand that church is not a destination?

**4) Be the BEST neighbors by the Spirit of Aloha**

Stop and Think: What can we do to be the best neighbors by spreading Aloha not COVID-19?

**Pray like this:** Father, thank you for our encouraging word to us in times like these. Thank you for reminding us that your Ekklesia was always about people, not the building. Help us to be your vibrant, expansive, 24/7 people movement with unstoppable capacity for growth. Help us to set the pace and agenda rather than being an item on somebody else's agenda. Help us to obey your teachings today. In the name of Jesus, Amen!