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Scriptural References and Comment Notes

19-078-25 THERE WERE NO BUILDINGS

:00 – 8:00 Terry builds a parable rooted in the Westward expansion of America, relating to what happens when the foundational impetus of something loses out to the subsequent activity of people who turn their attention to organization rather than the original core.

10:00 When the church was young there were no buildings. The Greek compound word Ekklesia used to describe the church means “the called out ones”.

13:10 Acts 2:46-47 and Acts 5:42 Those who were “called out” met in the Temple courts and in the houses. A teaching on the origin of the synagogues.

16:20 Acts 13:1-5 Barnabas and Paul proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. The word, at that time, was the Old Testament and the synagogue Jews would have been familiar with it. Reference Acts 13:14-16; Acts 17:1-4, 10, 16-17.

19:40 Acts 18:1-8 Paul teaches at a synagogue in Corinth but the Jews turned against him and at that point he left the mission to the Jews and went to the Gentiles. The worship venue then moved to the homes of believers. Reference back to Acts 2:46-47, 5:42.

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23:55 Romans 15:25-29 Paul does not ask to raise money for a church building, but he does mention the taking of an offering for the care of the poor saints in Jerusalem.

25:50 1 Corinthians 9:7-14 Paul appeals to believers to support those who preach the gospel.

29:50 Keeping the right perspective about what the "Church" really is. Often the institutional church becomes consumed by the property – acquisition, expansion and maintenance.

30:30 The church might have matured according to three modalities, if it was to begin again.

1. **The Church Dispersed.** Most of our time is not in assembly but dispersed into the world. Teaching – The church is not building sanctuaries of escape from the world, but an immersion into the world carrying the water of life to wherever we go.
2. **The Church in small groups** – home sized. Sharing how God was working in their lives each week. Sharing the difficulties in their lives and praying for one another.
3. **The Church Assembled.** The coming together of the groups periodically in celebration, teaching and worship. Reference Acts 19:8-10. Paul takes the Gospel message into the public places, surrounded with believers. A witness in the world directly not in a set apart location.

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38:40 John 4:21-26 No longer will there be a focus on the place of worship but on the nature of worship (In spirit).

39:40 Mark 13:1-2; Luke 21:5-6 Jesus tells his disciples that as beautiful as the worship center is, it will be reduced to rubble with not a single stone upon another. Reference 1 Peter 2:5 The people of God are to be living stones built up into a spiritual house – a holy priesthood. Reference 1 Corinthians 6:19. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2:46 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, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 5:42 Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ.

Acts 13:1 In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. 2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Acts 13:4 The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. 5 When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

Acts 13:14 From Perga they went on to Pisidian Antioch. On the Sabbath they entered the synagogue and sat down. 15 After the reading from the Law and the Prophets, the synagogue rulers sent word to them, saying, "Brothers, if you have a message of encouragement for the people, please speak."

Acts 13:16 Standing up, Paul motioned with his hand and said: "Men of Israel and you Gentiles who worship God, listen to me!

Acts 17:1 When they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where there was a Jewish synagogue. 2 As his custom was, Paul went into the synagogue, and on three Sabbath days he reasoned with them from the Scriptures, 3 explaining and proving that the Christ had to suffer and rise from the dead. "This Jesus I am proclaiming to you is the Christ," he said. 4 Some of the Jews were persuaded and joined Paul and Silas, as did a large number of God-fearing Greeks and not a few prominent women.

Acts 17:10 As soon as it was night, the brothers sent Paul and Silas away to Berea. On arriving there, they went to the Jewish synagogue.

Acts 17:16 While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was greatly distressed to see that the city was full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the God-fearing Greeks, as well as in the marketplace day by day with those who happened to be there.

Acts 18:1 After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. 2 There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all the Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, 3 and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. 4 Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

Acts 18:5 When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. 6 But when the Jews opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, "Your blood be on your own heads! I am clear of my responsibility. From now on I will go to the Gentiles."

Acts 18:7 Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. 8 Crispus, the synagogue ruler, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard him believed and were baptized.

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Rom. 15:25 Now, however, I am on my way to Jerusalem in the service of the saints there. 26 For Macedonia and Achaia were pleased to make a contribution for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem. 27 They were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have shared in the Jews' spiritual blessings, they owe it to the Jews to share with them their material blessings. 28 So after I have completed this task and have made sure

that they have received this fruit, I will go to Spain and visit you on the way. 29 I know that when I come to you, I will come in the full measure of the blessing of Christ.

1Cor. 9:7 Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat of its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink of the milk? 8 Do I say this merely from a human point of view? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? 9 For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? 10 Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because when the plowman plows and the thresher threshes, they ought to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. 11 If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? 12 If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more?

But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ. 13 Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? 14 In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.

Acts 19:8 Paul entered the synagogue and spoke boldly there for three months, arguing persuasively about the kingdom of God. 9 But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus. 10 This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

John 4:21 Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. 22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. 23 Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. 24 God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."

John 4:25 The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming.

When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

John 4:26 Then Jesus declared, “I who speak to you am he.”

Mark 13:1 As he was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, “Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!”

Mark 13:2 “Do you see all these great buildings?” replied Jesus. “Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.”

Luke 21:5 Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, 6 “As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

1Pet. 2:5 you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

1Cor. 6:19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own;