

Biblical Basis – Disciple-makers Gathering as the Ekklesia

- Local gathering of believers, disciples, and disciple-makers, where Jesus is the Head and Leader
 - *Ekklesia* means *called out from...to* – the ekklesia is the people who are called out of the kingdom of darkness into the Kingdom of Light
 - Jesus is the Head of the Church (Ekklesia) (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23)
 - Not intended for unbelievers – ekklesia = those who have been called into the Kingdom of God
 - Ekklesia is not a building; it is the people who follow Jesus
- It is a circle, with all actively engaged, 100% participation is possible
 - NOT an upfront speaker to an audience
 - Active engagement and participation, not passive reception
 - Each one prepares to share and be used by the Holy Spirit – 1 Corinthians 12, 1 Corinthians 14:26, Colossians 3:16
 - Centered on the word richly dwelling in each person and collectively
 - Commandments and stories are the anchor and tether
 - Holy Spirit is free to move as He wishes
- When each one in the local body/ church follows the Holy Spirit's moving and prompting to edify, encourage, and comfort one another, there is the possibility for 100% participation
- The whole body/ ekklesia church is edified and strengthened
- Key passages: 1 Corinthians 12: 7-11 and 1 Corinthians 14: 1-5, 26-33, 39