

### How God Builds Everything

(Jeremiah 6:16 NIV) This is what the LORD says: “Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls.”

How God built the church is how we rebuild the church.

(Numbers 3:17 NIV) These were the names of the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath and Merari.

3 Sons of Levi the priest

(Numbers 3:36-37 NIV) The Merarites were appointed to take care of the frames of the tabernacle, its crossbars, posts, bases, all its equipment, and everything related to their use, as well as the posts of the surrounding courtyard with their bases, tent pegs and ropes.

(Numbers 3:25 NIV) At the Tent of Meeting the Gershonites were responsible for the care of the tabernacle and tent, its coverings, the curtain at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting.

(Numbers 3:31 NIV) (The Kohathites were) ...responsible for the care of the ark, the table, the lampstand, the altars, the articles of the sanctuary used in ministering, the curtain, and everything related to their use.

#### 1. Rebuild the structures.

(Genesis 26:12-18) Isaac planted crops in that land and the same year reaped a hundredfold, because the LORD blessed him. The man became rich, and his wealth continued to grow until he became very wealthy. He had so many flocks and herds and servants that the Philistines envied him. So all the wells that his father's servants had dug in the time of his father Abraham, the

Philistines stopped up, filling them with earth... Isaac reopened the wells that had been dug in the time of his father Abraham, which the Philistines had stopped up after Abraham died, and he gave them the same names his father had given them.

(Matthew 7:24-25 NIV) “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

Check the vision and values.

Check the leadership.

Check the finances.

Check the doctrine.

## 2. Rebuild the systems.

A system is a set of principles and procedures that determine how something is accomplished.

Systems deliver the vision.

“Your systems are perfectly designed to get the results you are getting.” ~Stephen Covey

There is often a disconnect between the vision and the systems.

The right system is the one that works.

### Know God

Weekend Services that lost people love to attend.

### Find Freedom

Small Groups where people can experience community, find freedom and grow.

### Discover Purpose

A Growth Track where people can connect to a local church and discover their spiritual gifts.

### Make a Difference

A Dream Team where people can serve on a team connected with their dream.

3. Rebuild the spiritual.

Renewed focus on Worship.

The perfect church service would be one we were almost unaware of. Our attention would have been on God.

~C.S. Lewis

Renewed focus on the Word of God.

If your god never disagrees with you, you might just be worshipping an idealized version of yourself.

~Timothy Keller

Renewed focus on Prayer.

There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer.

~A.T. Pierson

Renewed focus on the Holy Spirit.

(Matthew 9:35 NIV) Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

Being filled with the Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you, it makes me better than me.

(Numbers 7:1-3, 6-9 NIV) When Moses finished setting up the tabernacle, he anointed it and consecrated it and all its furnishings. He also anointed and consecrated the altar and all its utensils. Then the leaders of Israel, the heads of families who were the tribal leaders in charge of those who were counted, made offerings. They brought as their gifts before the LORD six covered carts and twelve oxen--an ox from each leader and a cart from every two. These they presented before the tabernacle... So Moses took the carts and oxen and gave them to the Levites. He gave two carts and four oxen to the Gershonites, as their work required, and he gave four carts and eight oxen to the Merarites, as their work required. They were all under the direction of Ithamar son of Aaron, the priest. But Moses did not give any to the Kohathites, because they were to carry on their shoulders the holy things, for which they were responsible.