







# Family Updates

Week 39      Budget - \$356k      Received - \$275k

Conference      Goal - \$80k (from Ames DSM CityChurch)      Received - \$30k

Jeff - working with leaders in Myanmar Bagladesh, Sri Lanka, Hong Kong

Bill - Bible workshop near Sintang, Indonesia

# 2017 International Conference and Summit

Unique Features - BILD Conference and ELS - 25 days away!

- Paradigm Pioneers
- Grand Strategies: India, SE Asia, Africa, Mediterranean
- Global C-BTE Network: Partners, Clusters, Hubs
- SE Asian focus—banquet
- Release of the entire Gospels Series

# The Coming 2017 Conference–Summit

## Playing your part

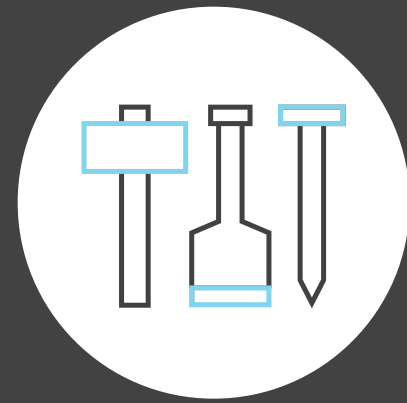
- Sharpen your development plan; you are a walking example for every leader at the conference.
- Open your homes.
- Use your gifts and abilities to serve at the conference - painting, baking, serving food, transportation, setup, custodial
- Contribute toward the \$80,000 needed to host the conference

# Purpose of our Equipping Time

In preparation for the BILD global Summit, we want to equip everyone with a further understanding of the Gospel Series, the books of the gospel.

The goal is for all of us to handle the truth accurately and be able to think biblically, especially as it concerns understanding the intention of the gospel books. These four books are often the focus of most churches' sermons and they are frequently the most misunderstood. Frequently they are reduced down to individual bible verses for helping you be more like Jesus.

The big idea is that Jesus is the King, He announced the beginning of a new Kingdom, this Kingdom will be fully realized when he returns, until then we are to follow His plan, being part of His church, being established in the teachings, while expanding to all nations!



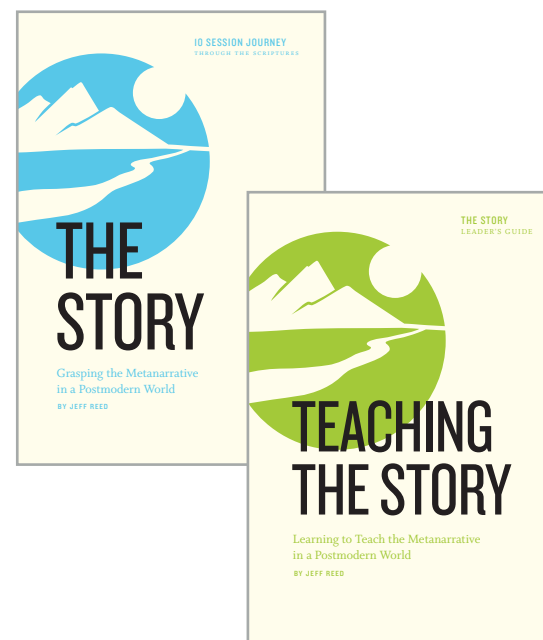
# The Gospels Series

Examining the Intention of Jesus' Life and Ministry  
as Witnessed by the Writers of the Four Gospels

**MASTERING THE SCRIPTURES SERIES**



# Establishing Process—3 Years



**Kerygma**  
**Early Acts**  
**Apostles' Teaching**  
**6 months**  
**Paul: 3 years “night and day”**



**Didache**  
**Body of Acts**  
**Theology of Paul**  
**1½ years**



**Full Kerygma**  
**After Acts**  
**Apostles' Gospels**  
**1 year**

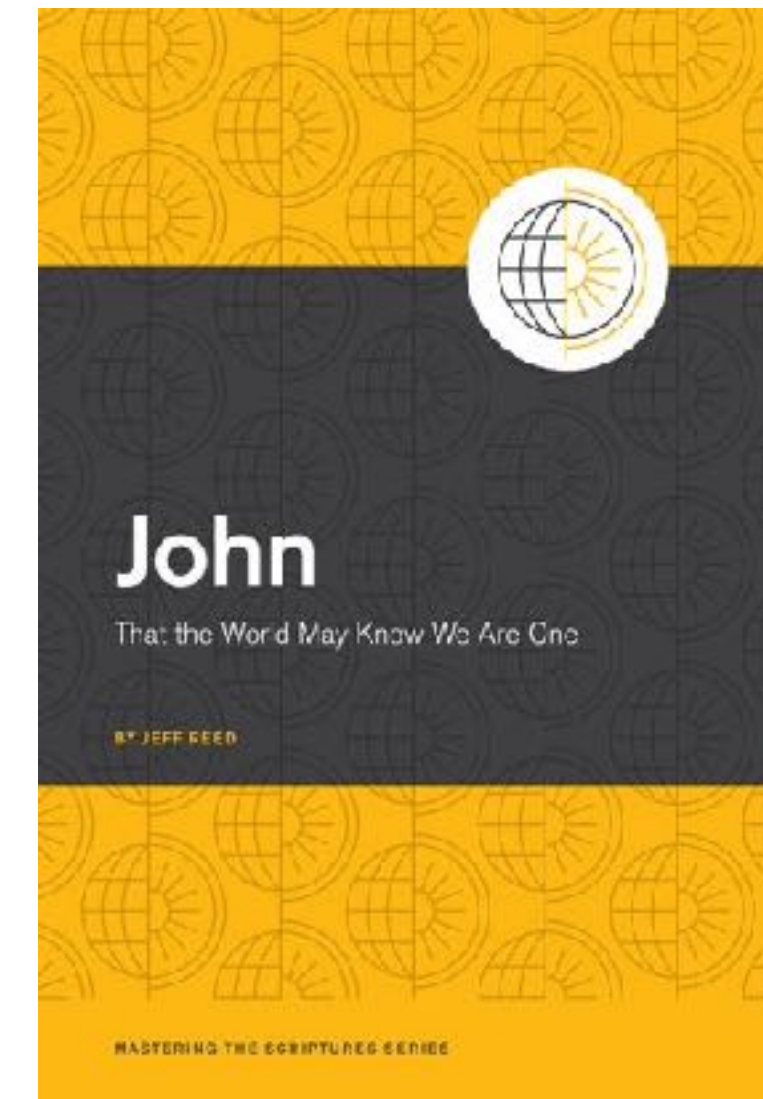
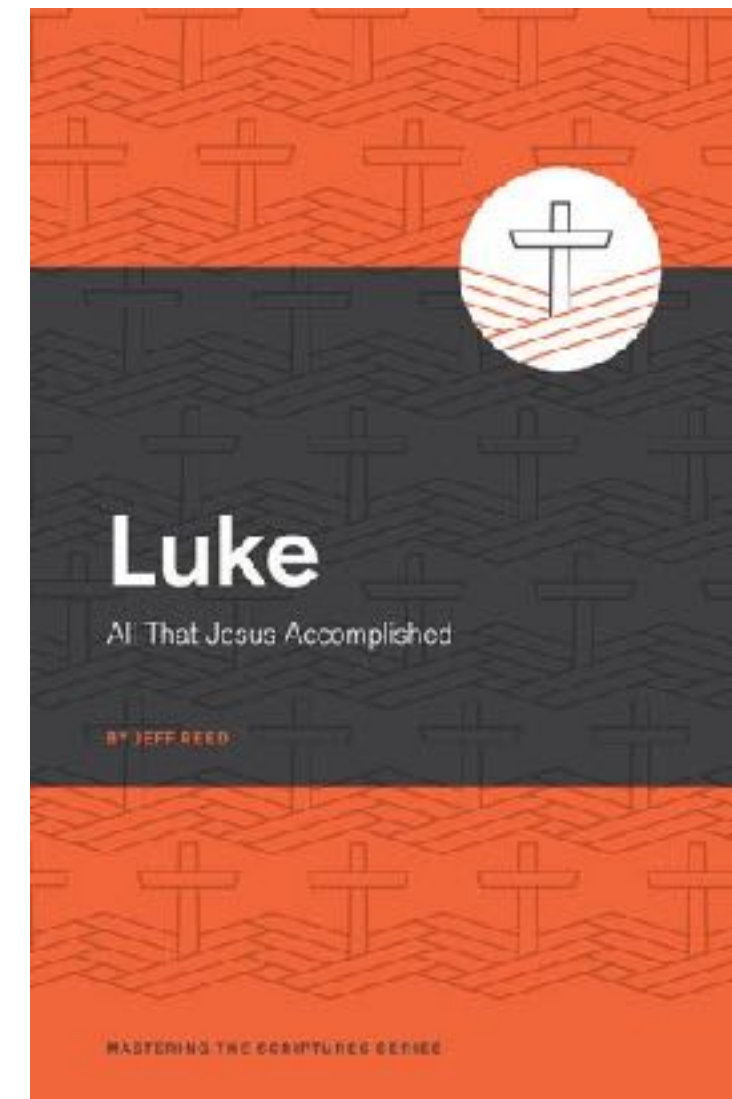
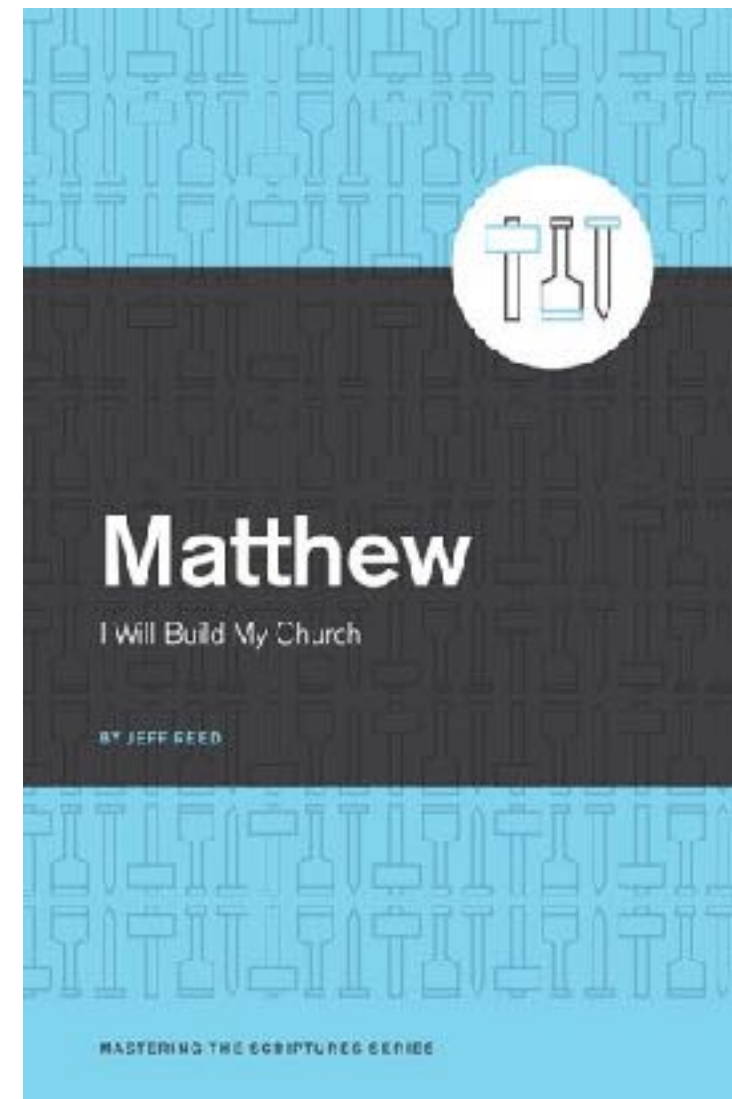
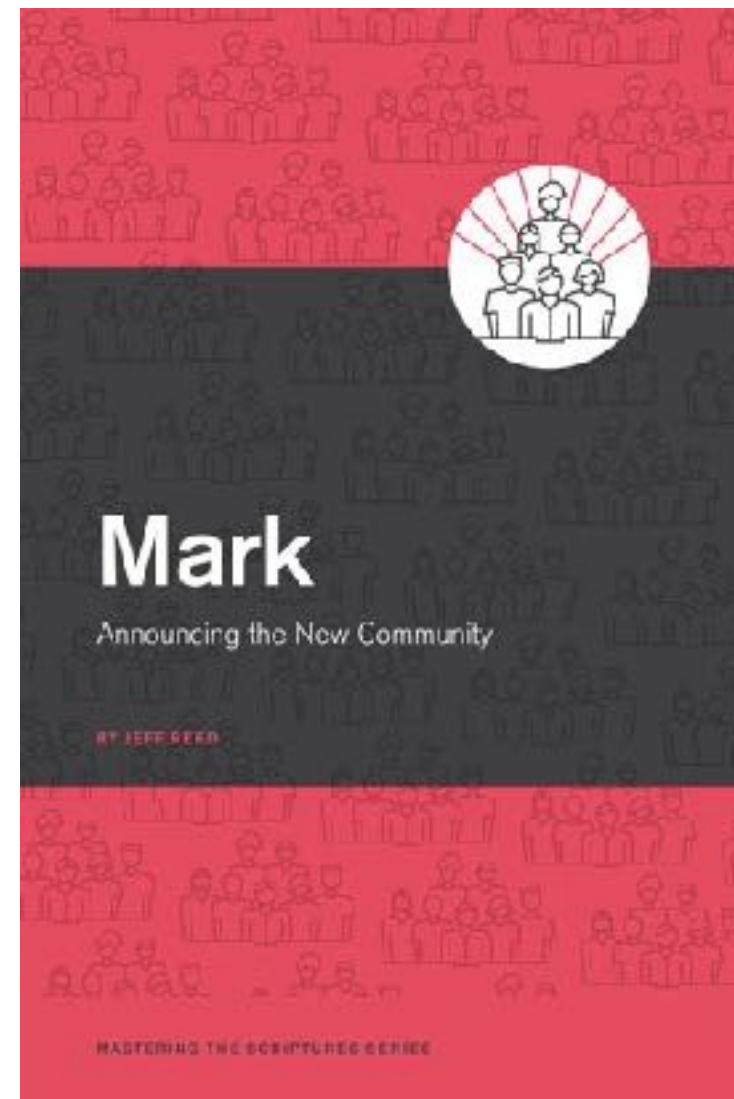
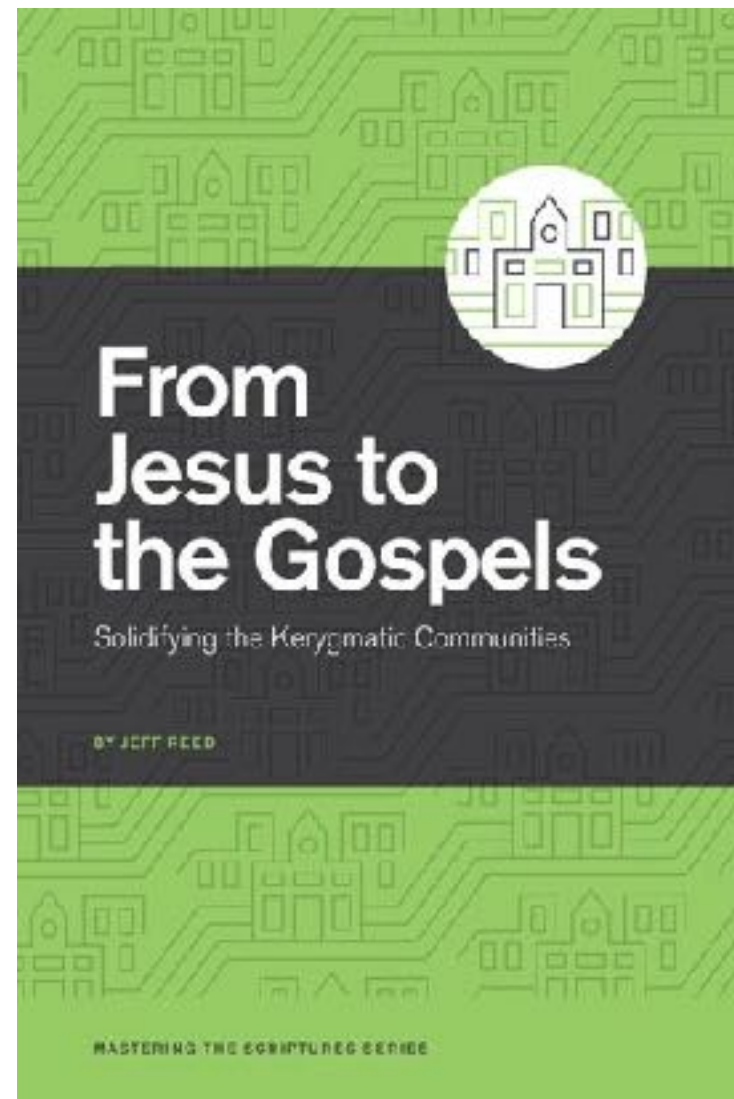
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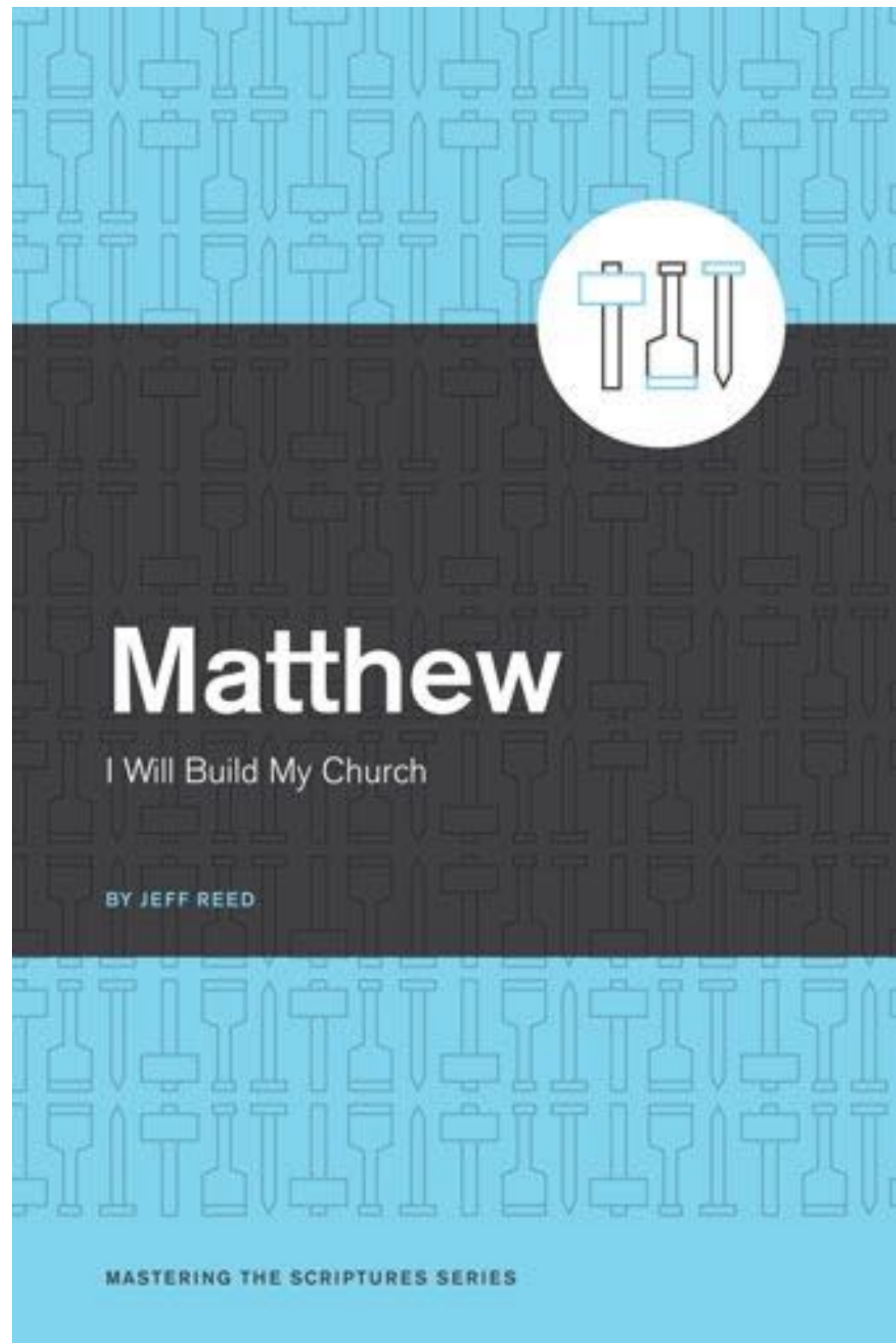
The Gospel books assume you have:

- Completed the First Principles, understanding what unfolded and was delivered through the apostles, especially Paul
- That a whole new community, the church, is being built
- Christ's plan is that through the multiplication of kerygmatic (proclaiming) churches, the gospel would go to the ends of the earth

We will not fully understand the gospels, without the same understanding the churches had, to whom they were written. The gospel were written with the epistles in mind. We are on a journey of mastering the scriptures as experienced by the early churches.

# The Gospels Series

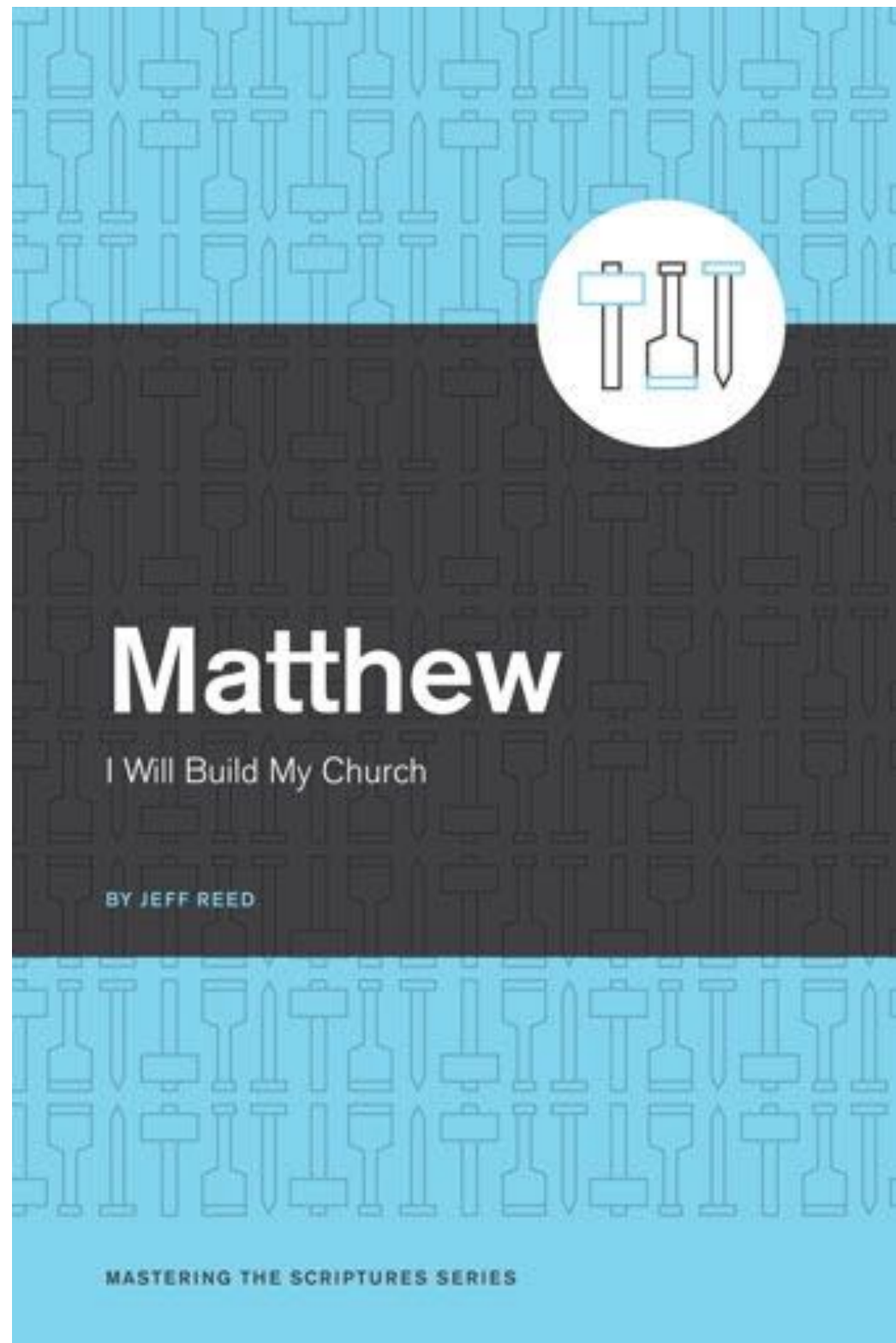




# Matthew: I Will Build My Church

Discussion Questions:

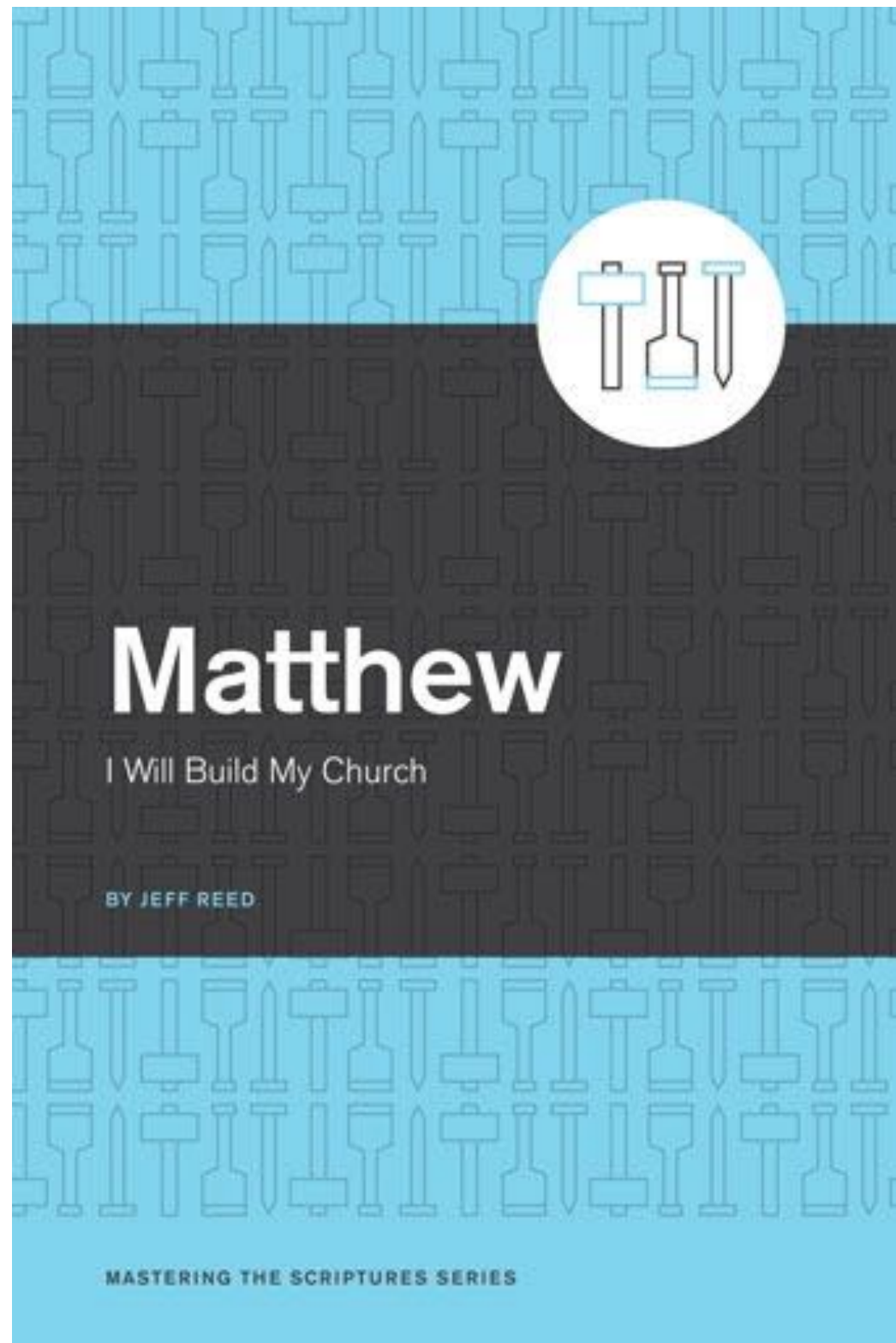
1. What is the church? How important is the church in Matthew's letter?
2. What is the Great Commission? What does it mean to fulfill the Great Commission? How do you know if we are following Matthew's intention for this commission?



The answer to understanding the Church and the Great Commission is to understand Matthew.

## **Intention of Matthew**

To write a gospel, intended to further stabilize Peter's Jewish network of churches by building a powerful theological treatise, binding the Kerygma story and building of Christ's church to the Jewish scriptures.



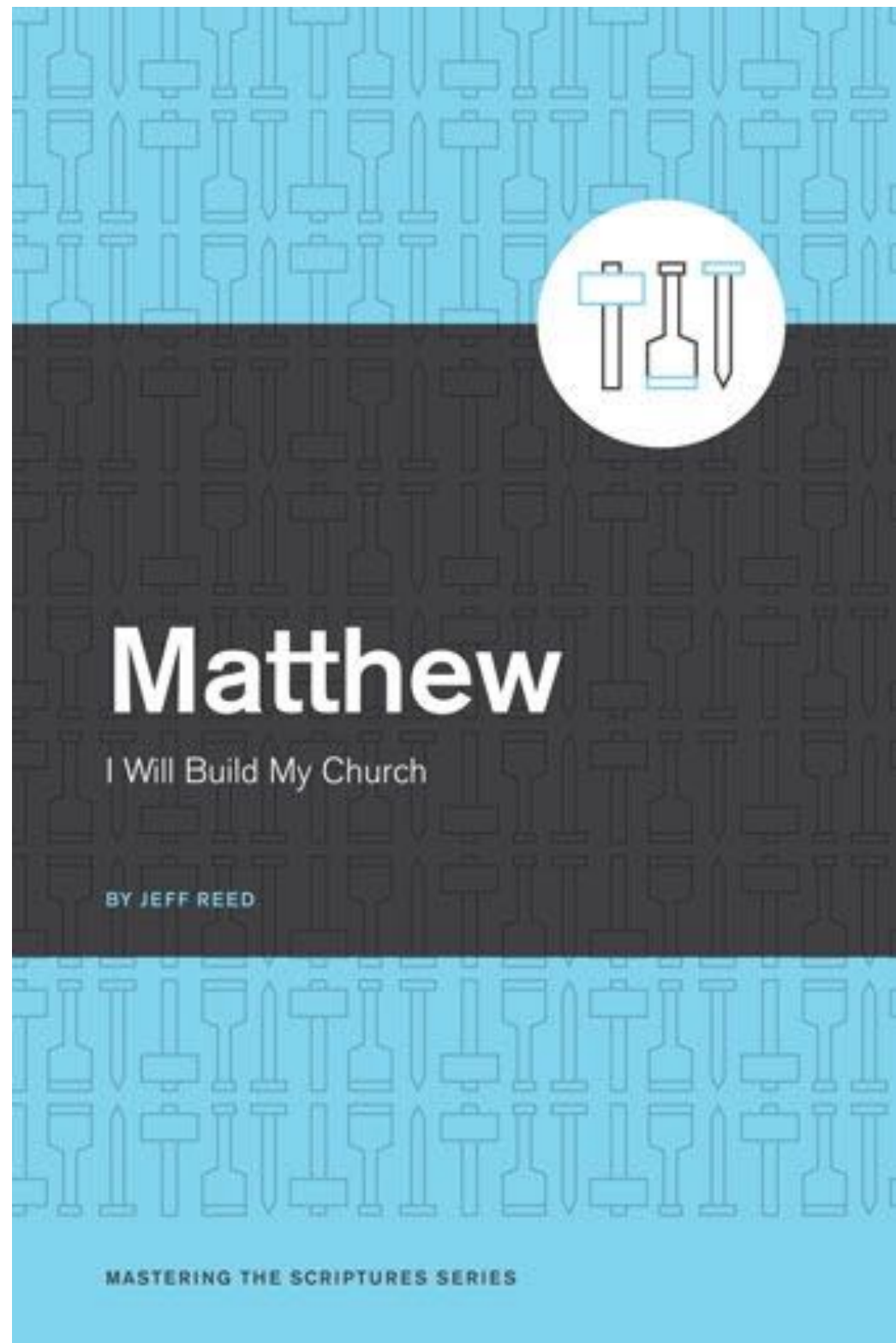
It is a large letter, but the literary outline is quite clear:

Prologue - Connecting Jesus to the Son of David, son of Abraham  
1-2

Narrative and Discourses - Telling Jesus' teachings, authority and ministry  
3-25

Ending the good news - Passover, Lord's Supper, Death and Resurrection  
26-28

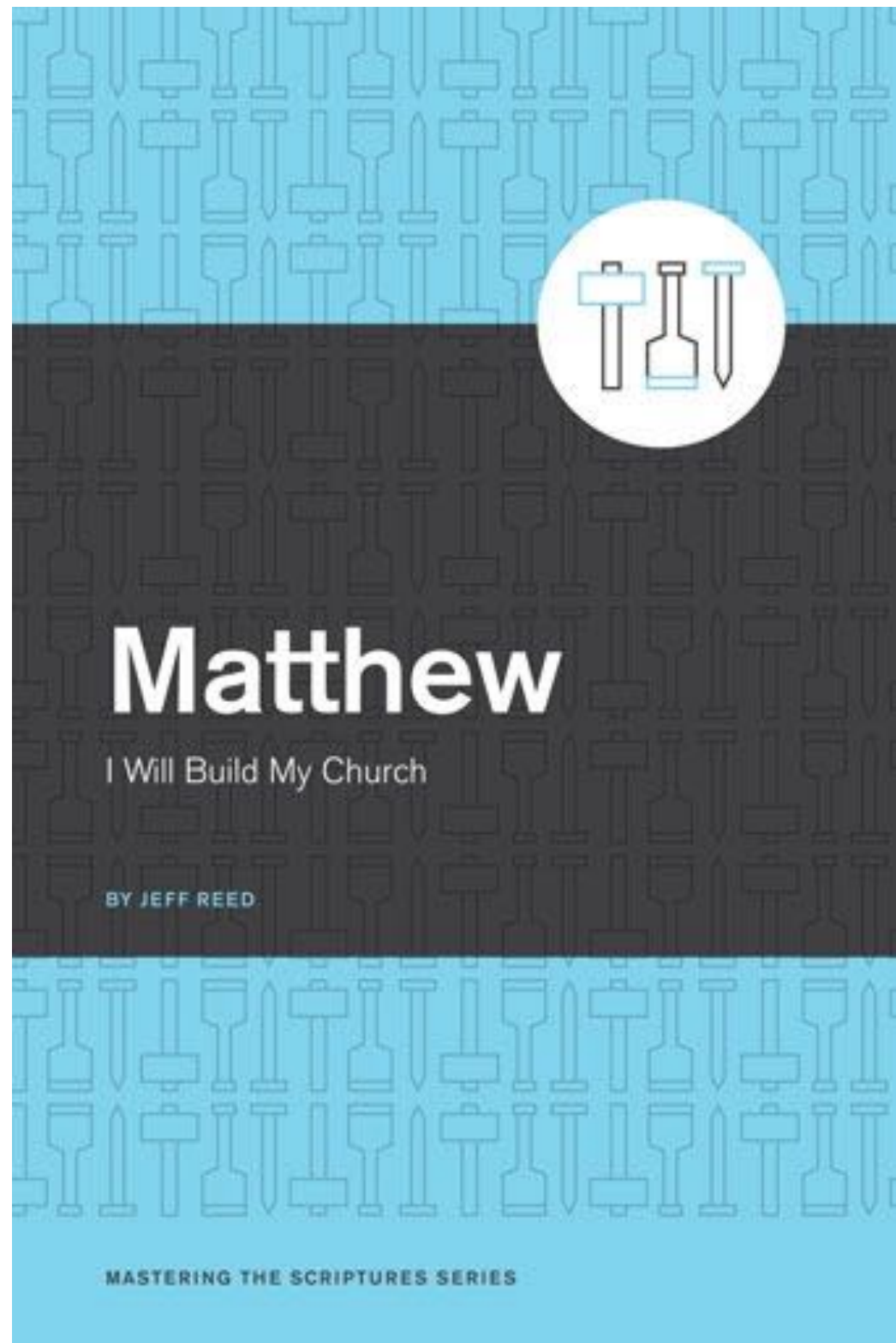
The letter is bookended, providing the kerygmatic framework of the Gospel genre. Which means that Mark and Matthew both viewed their work as an expansion of the formulaic like kerygmatic statement delivered by the Apostles to the churches...Remember the summation of Peter's sermons, Mark and Matthew follow this outline.



Matthew is intentional about demonstrating that these bookends, root this kerygmatic message in the Old Testament.

“This happened in order to fulfill what has been said...”

- Birth narrative: 1:18, 22–23; 2:5–6, 15–17 , 23
- Passion narrative: 21:4; 26:56; 27:9



Matthew arranges the “in between” portion with five narrative-discourses.

We know this because he uses markers that end each narrative-discourse. Each ends with the phrase “when Jesus had finished.”

**Marker 1:** 28“Now when Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were astounded at his teaching, 29 for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.” 7:28–29

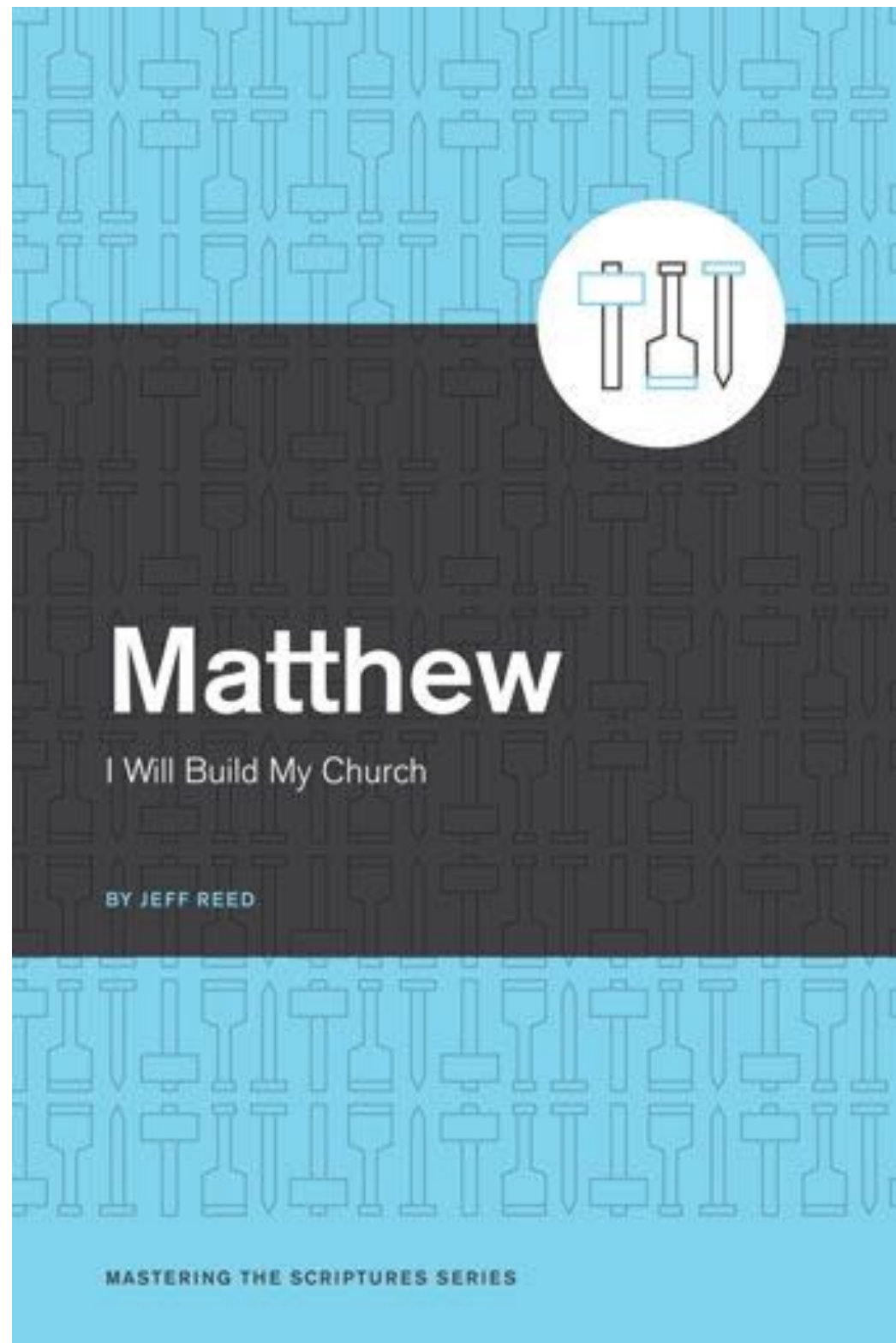
**Marker 2:** “Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.” 11:1

**Marker 3:** “When Jesus had finished these parables, He left that place.” 13:53

**Marker 4:** “When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.” 19:1

**Marker 5:** “When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 2‘You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.’” 26:1–2



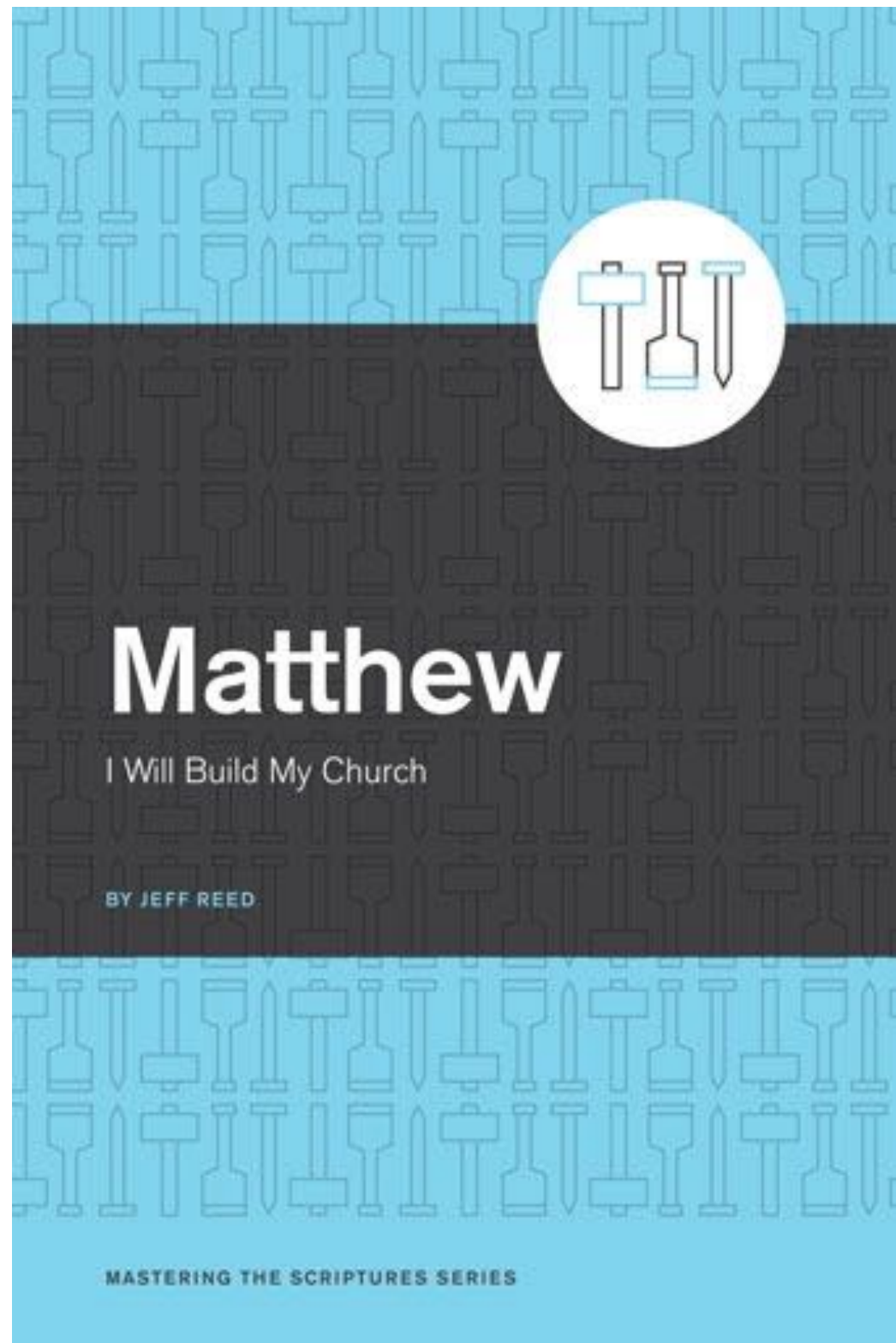


**Narrative** - narration of an event or story where the issues are revealed

**Discourse** - discussion of the issues, how to think about the issues

In each of the five sections Matthew first uses narrative to raise awareness of the many issues that are being dealt with.

Then the sermon (or the discourse) addresses the issues that have been revealed from the preceding narrative.

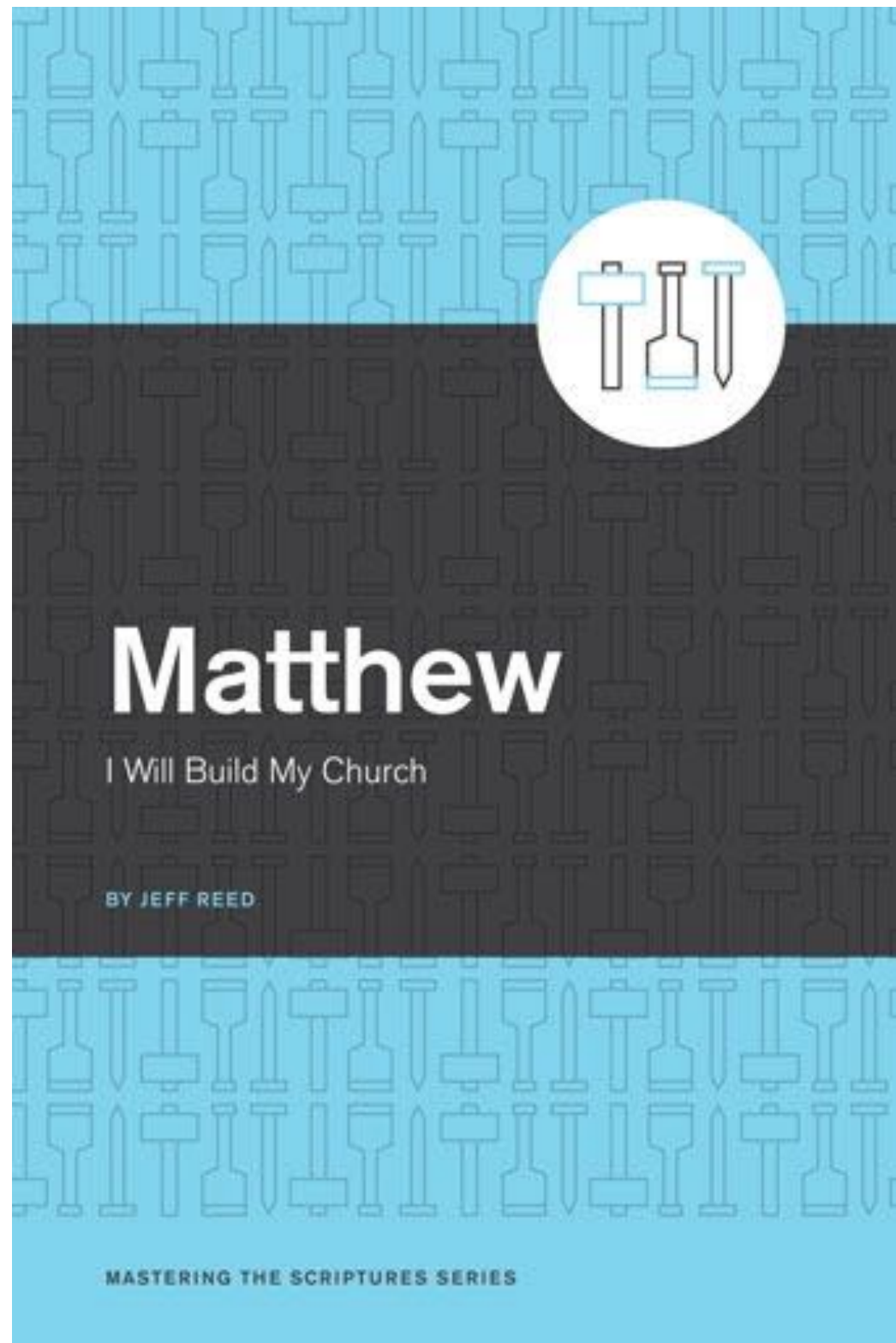


## **Discourse 1: Sermon on the Mount (3:1–7:29)**

Narrative: John the Baptist and Jesus came proclaiming a message, “Repent, the Kingdom of God is at hand” —the Sermon is the message. (3:1–4:25)

Sermon: Sermon on the Mount (5:1–7:27)

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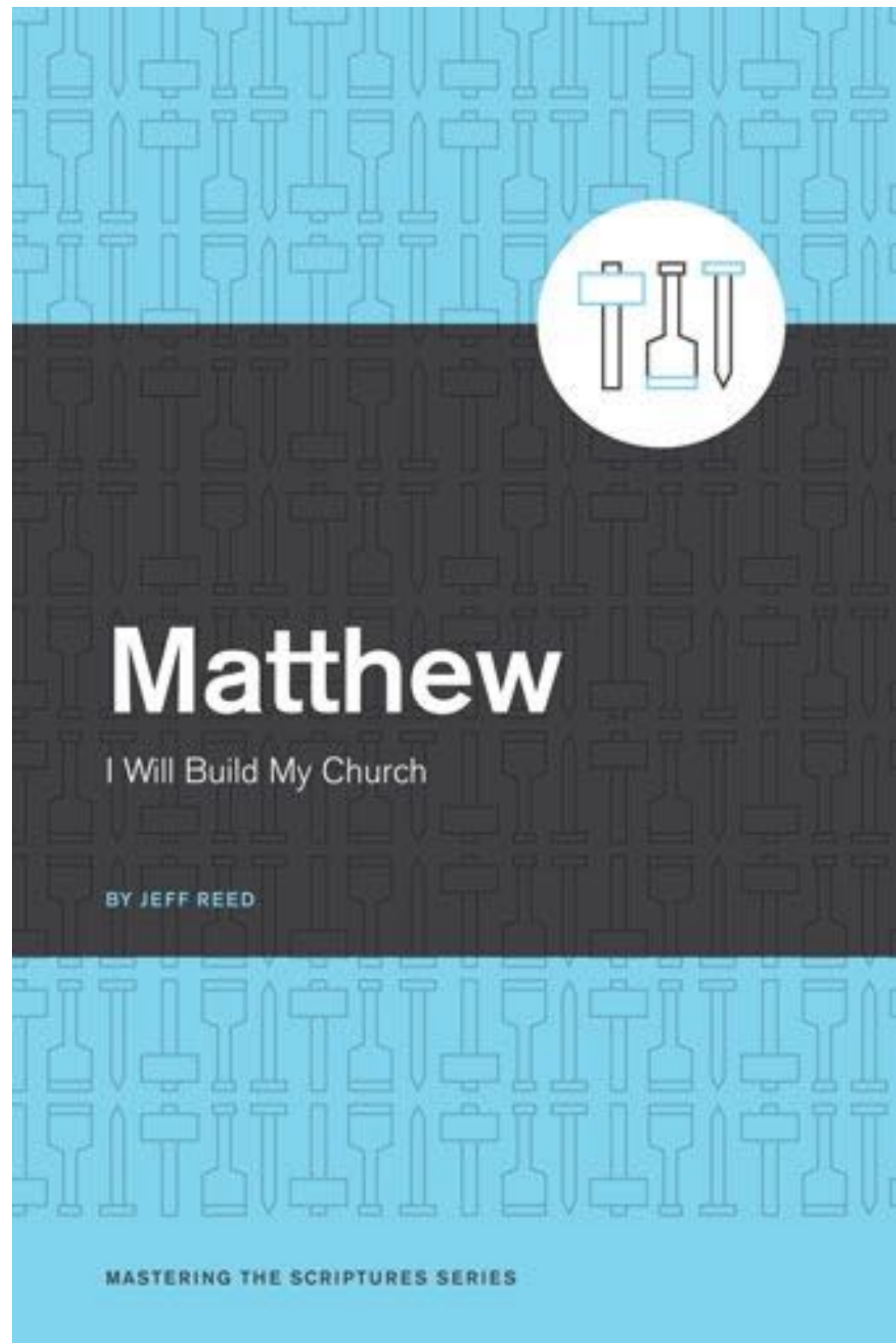


## **Discourse 2: Mission of the Twelve (8:1–10:42)**

Narrative mixed with short dialogue: The sick need mercy and will repent; it is very difficult for those needing a physician—illustrating why He gives his mission instructions as He does (8:1–9:38).

Sermon: Mission Instructions (10:5–42)

Marker: “Now when Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and proclaim his message in their cities.”  
11:1

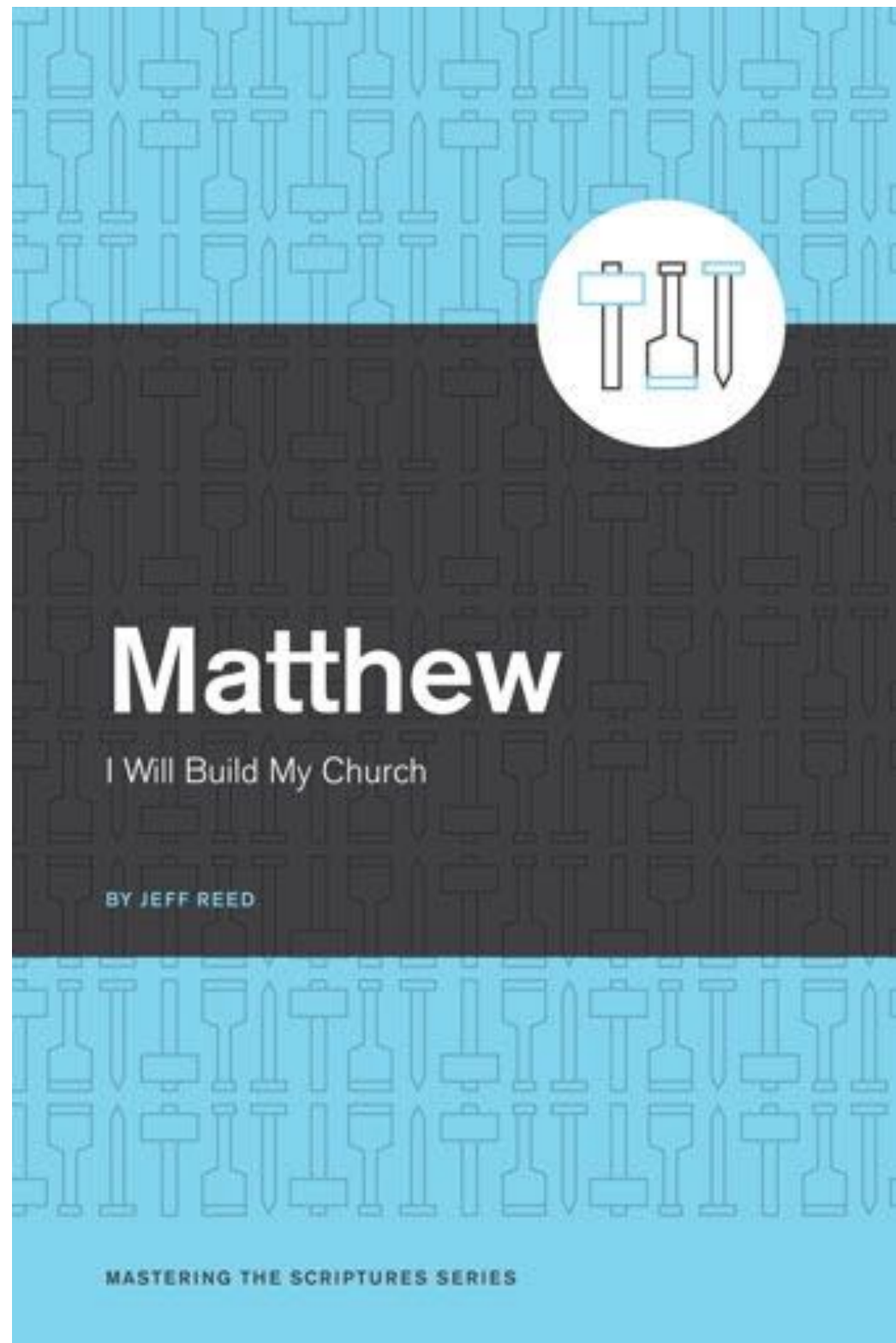


## **Discourse 3: The Parables of the Kingdom (11:1–13:58)**

**Narrative:** The narrative shows that the Kingdom will grow among the Gentiles, which will be the focus of his new family. Isaiah says that this Servant will proclaim the message to the Gentiles (11:1–12:50).

**Sermon:** Parables of the Kingdom (13:1–52)

**Marker:** “When Jesus had finished these parables, He left that place.”  
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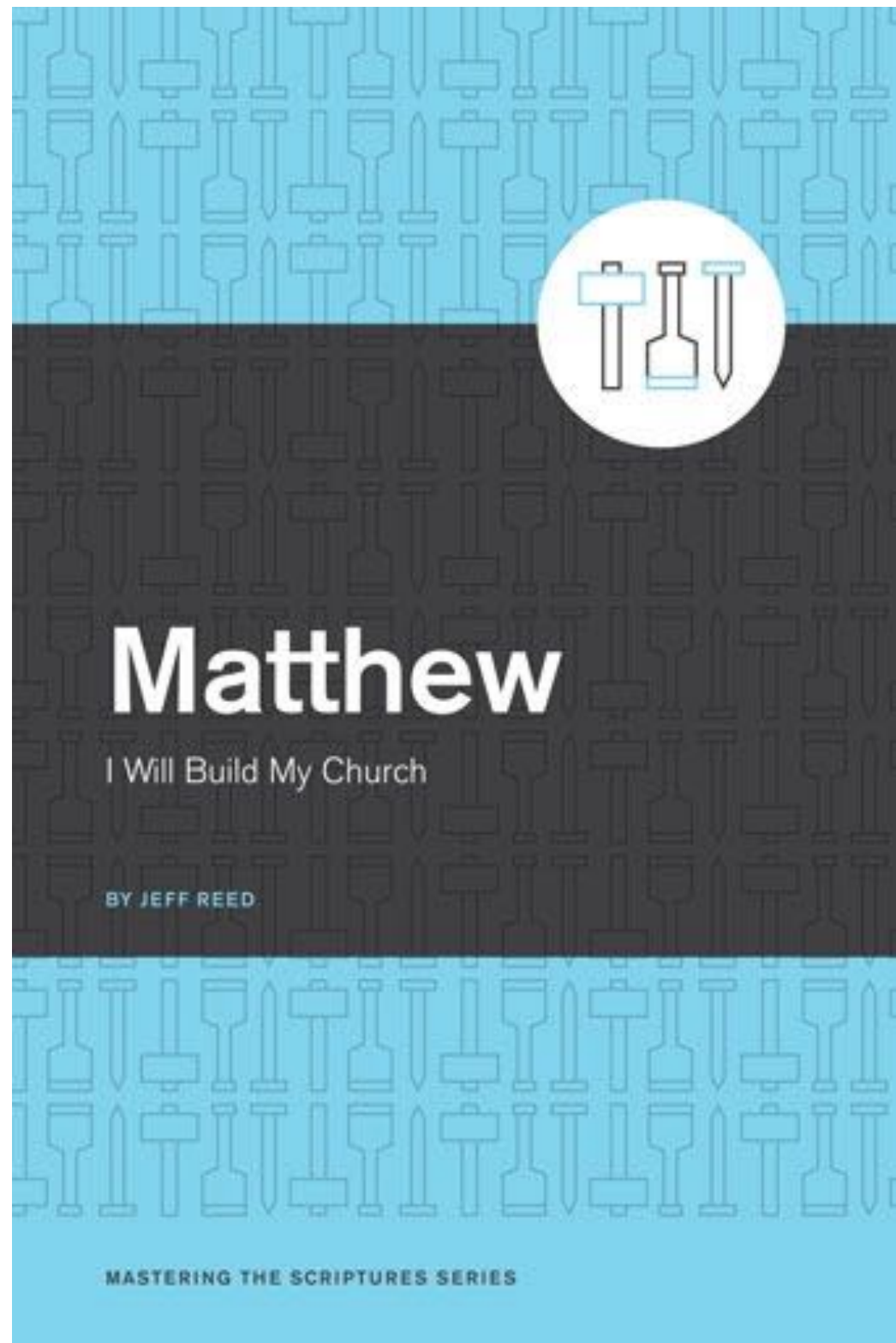


## **Discourse 4: The Community Foundations (13:53–18:35)**

Narrative mixed with much dialogue: Rejection is experienced and predicted, leading to the discourse that repentance and forgiveness of everyone is the key foundation to the new community (13:53–17:27).

Sermon: Repentance and Forgiveness in the Church (18:1–35)

Marker: “When Jesus had finished saying these things, he left Galilee and went to the region of Judea beyond the Jordan.” 19:1



## **Discourse 5: The Olivet Discourse (19:1–25:46)**

Narrative mixed with much dialogue: The narrative shows the reasons for the judgment on the nation of Israel, lamenting over Jerusalem, and why he has turned to a global invitation of the Gentiles (19:1–23:39).

Sermon: Judgment on Jerusalem, Israel, and the Nations (24:1–25:46)

Marker: “When Jesus had finished saying all these things, he said to his disciples, 2‘You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.’” 26:1–2

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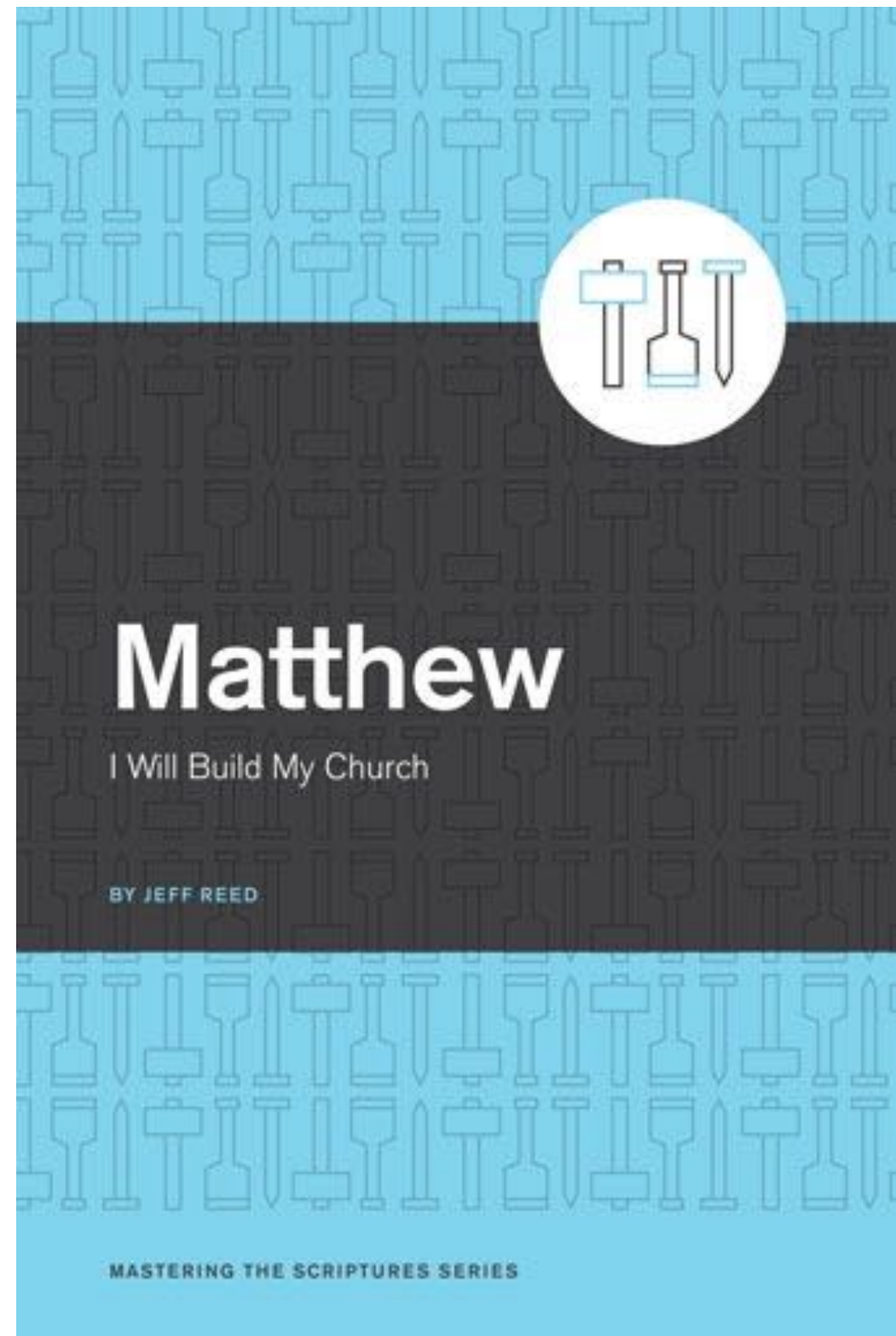
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Session 2-6 looks at each narrative-discourse in more depth

Session 7-8 looks at:

- The New Community
- The Great Commission

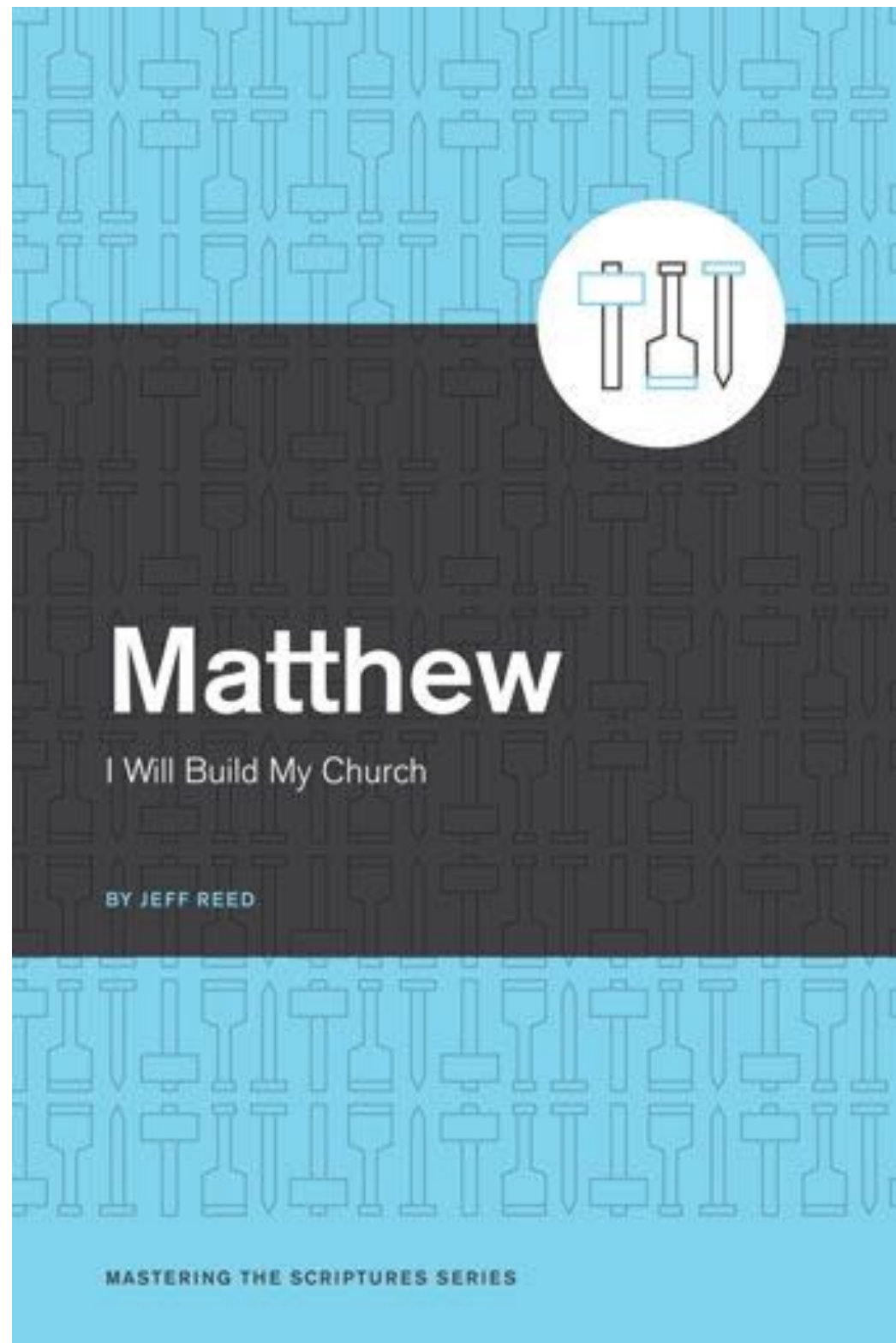


## The New Community

Remember all of this is intended to stabilize the Jewish churches, which were under constant pressure to return to Israel, as it was becoming clear that the Church was not going to remain only Jewish.

He will build his church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew makes a case for the fact that this was what Jesus intended all along. In fact, it could be seen throughout Jesus' ministry. So to go back to Judaism would actually be to stop following Jesus and enter into coming judgement with Israel. Matthew situates the Church as central to both the inauguration and expansion of the kingdom and to the global opposition to its growth and the coming global conflict at the return of Christ.





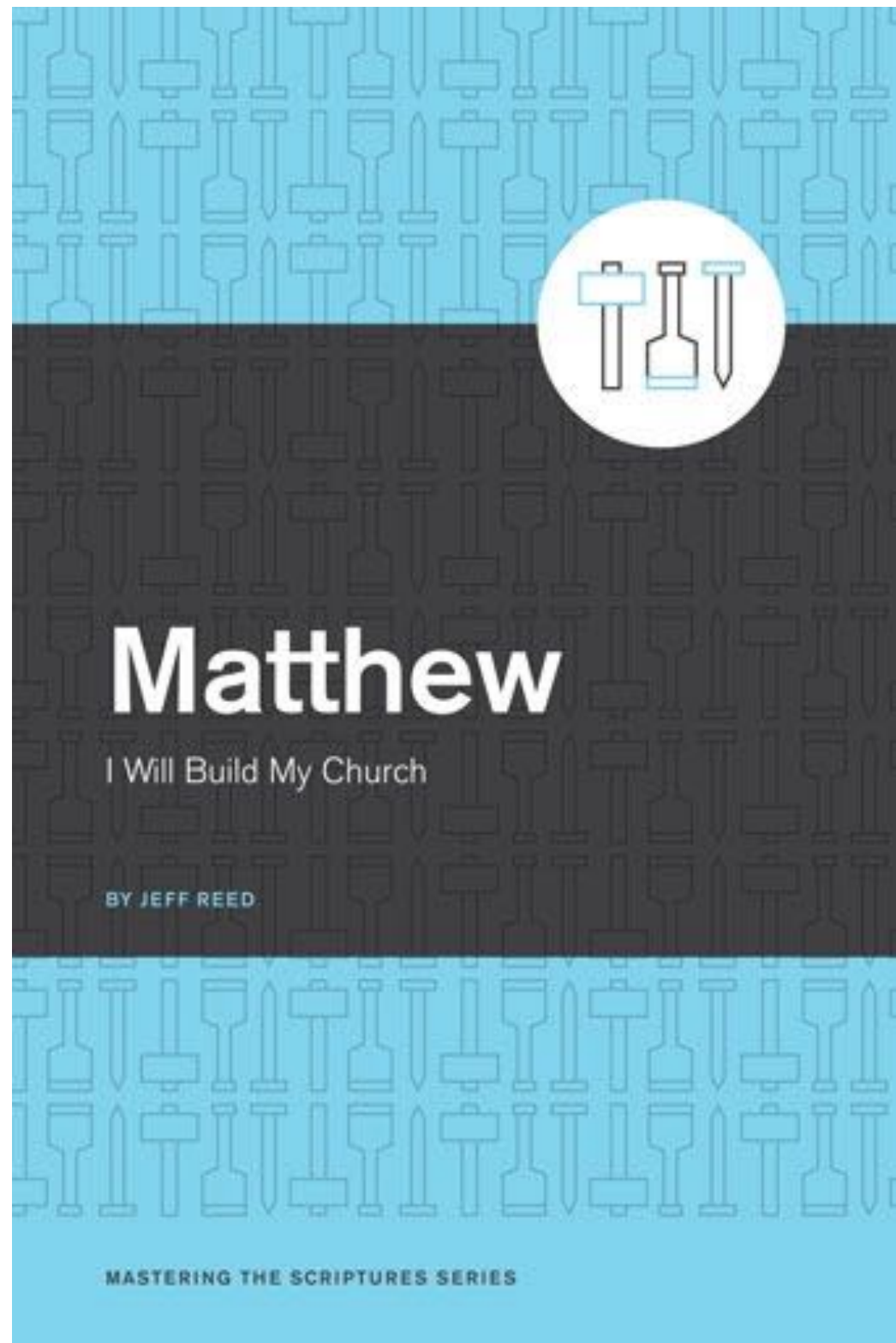
## The New Community

We can follow this New Community through each narrative-discourse, from there we can see a whole picture of this new community, how the church fits into the whole plan of God. We can make twelve summary statements:

1. They are the chosen leaders of Jesus' new community, called the Church.
2. The Church is to make followers of Jesus from every nation.
3. They are to proclaim the gospel, incorporate the believers from all nations into this new community, and teach them all that Jesus commands them.
4. This new Church is a replacement for Israel, who is about to be judged, and the generations (house) left desolate.
5. This new community, the Church, will start small and grow throughout the entire world.

## The New Community

6. It will face great opposition, but Jesus will succeed in building His Church; nothing Satan can throw at it will stop it.
7. Its expansion will continue until the end of the age when Christ returns.
8. The Church will inaugurate the kingdom and operate under Christ's authority until He returns.
9. When He returns, He will fully set up the kingdom; a global conflict will be underway; Israel will recognize Him and believe; the nations will be defeated; and His kingdom will be fully realized.
10. Thus, the Jewish churches need to stay with their new faith and not go back to Israel. They need to recognize that all that has unfolded is exactly what Jesus set up.
11. This new community—the Church—carries all the authority of Christ, as His kingdom is inaugurated and proclaimed across the globe. Christ is building His Church— not nations and kingdoms of this world.
12. We are in the same “business” today: building His Church as the first fruits of His coming kingdom.

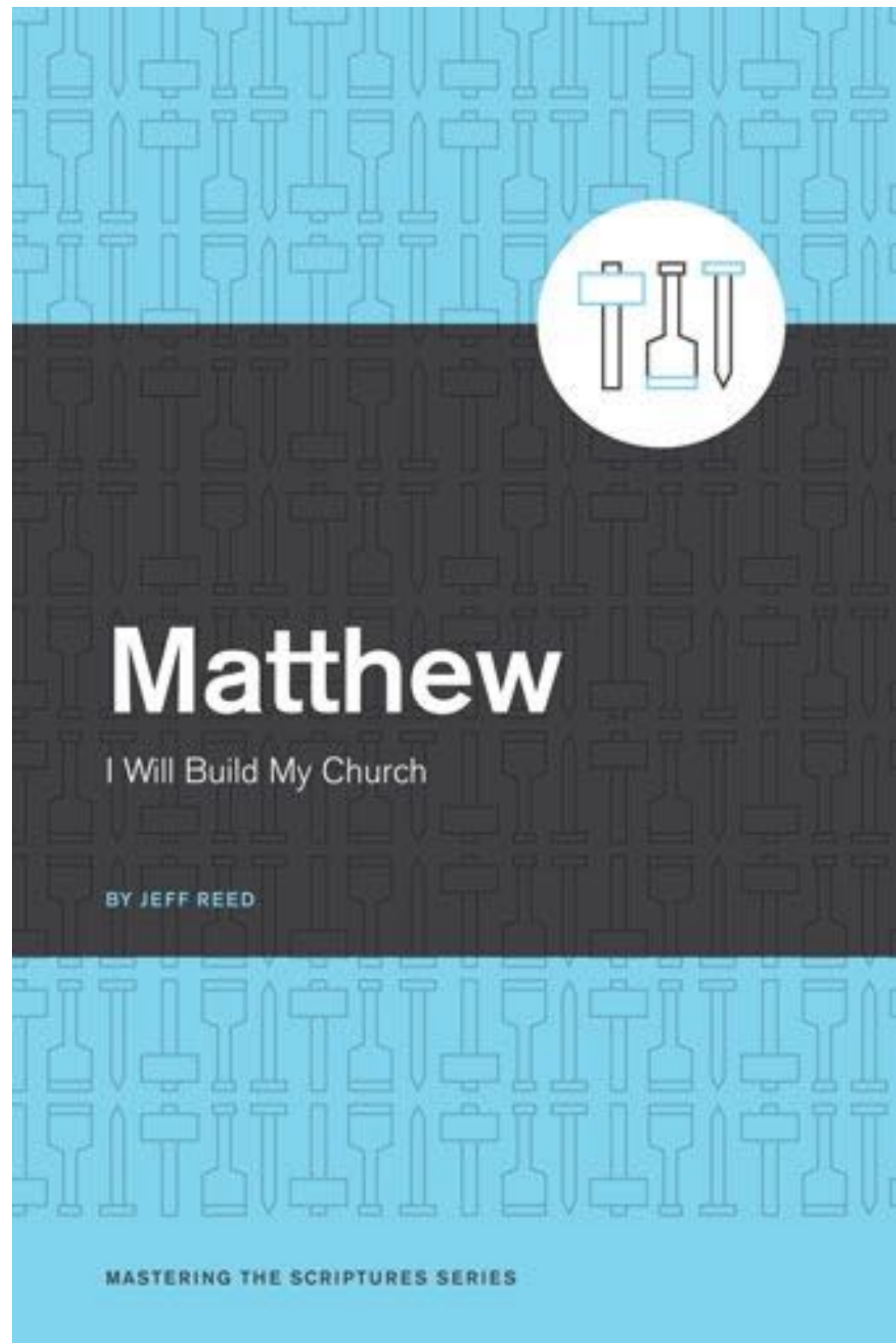


## The Great Commission

Everything in Matthew is drawn to a close with Jesus' commission to His disciples to go to all nations and make disciples. As leaders of this new community, they have a mission that is to be this new community's focus until Christ returns. The commission, therefore, shapes much of the purpose of Jesus' new community.

Remember, the entire outline of the letter is following the kerygmatic framework, thus it is missional/proclamation by its very nature.

Matthew maintains Mark's "kerygmatic" structure— Jesus' story: His birth; His ministry of doing good and healing; the rejection of His message; His death, burial and resurrection; and His ascension to heaven with the promise of returning as king and judge. This sets the framework for understanding His mission and the missional nature of the new community He is building, the Church.



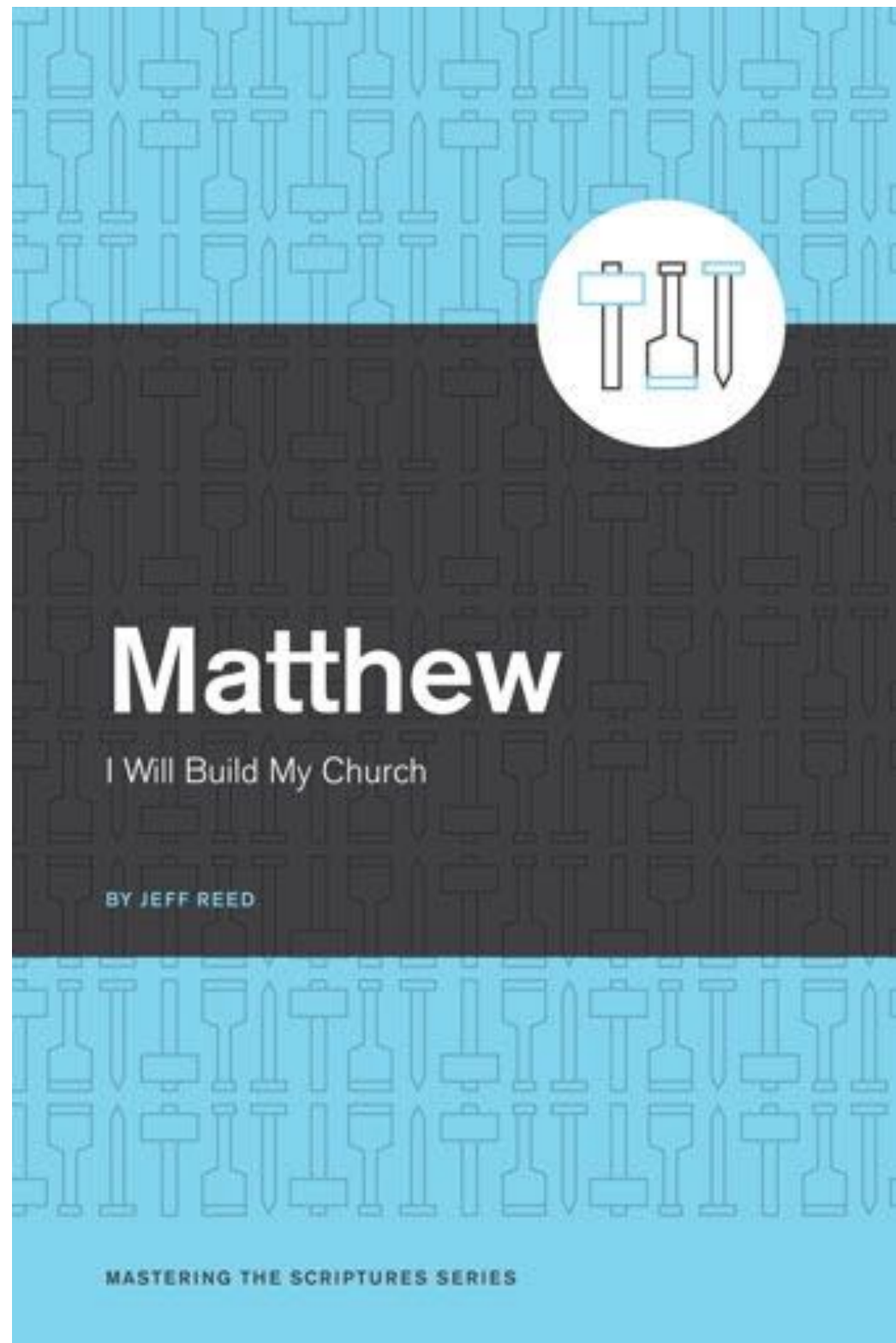
## The Great Commission

### Narrative-Discourse 1 - Sermon on the Mount

- Repent for the Kingdom of God is at hand, follow Me
- Jesus had a message that He wanted to be proclaimed
- He was seeking people who would respond to His message
- Humbly embracing the message and rejecting the religious systems are being part of this New Kingdom

### Narrative-Discourse 2 - Mission to the Twelve

- The harvest is plentiful but the labors are few
- Jesus sends them to Israel, to show that Israel is not open to the proclamation, foreshadowing Matt 28, the great commission is to go to all nations
- This also shows how when He leaves, He will send them on a global, all nations mission that they are to carry out
- They are to build His new community, the Church!



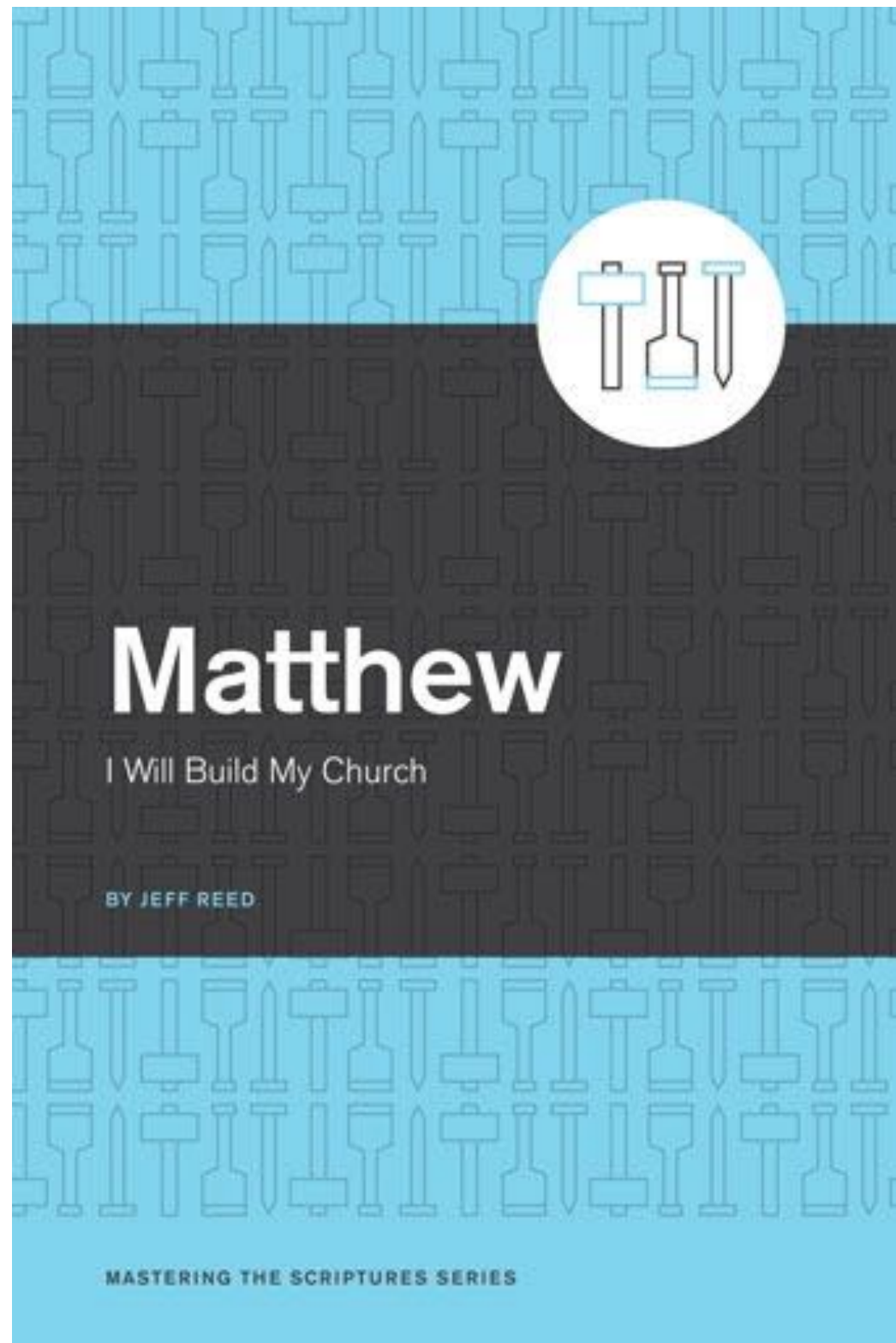
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### Narrative-Discourse 3 - Parables of the Kingdom

- Jesus is building a new family
- He is going to the Gentiles to build this family
- This family will grow a hundred fold, it will start as a mustard seed and grow very large

### Narrative-Discourse 4 - The Community Foundation

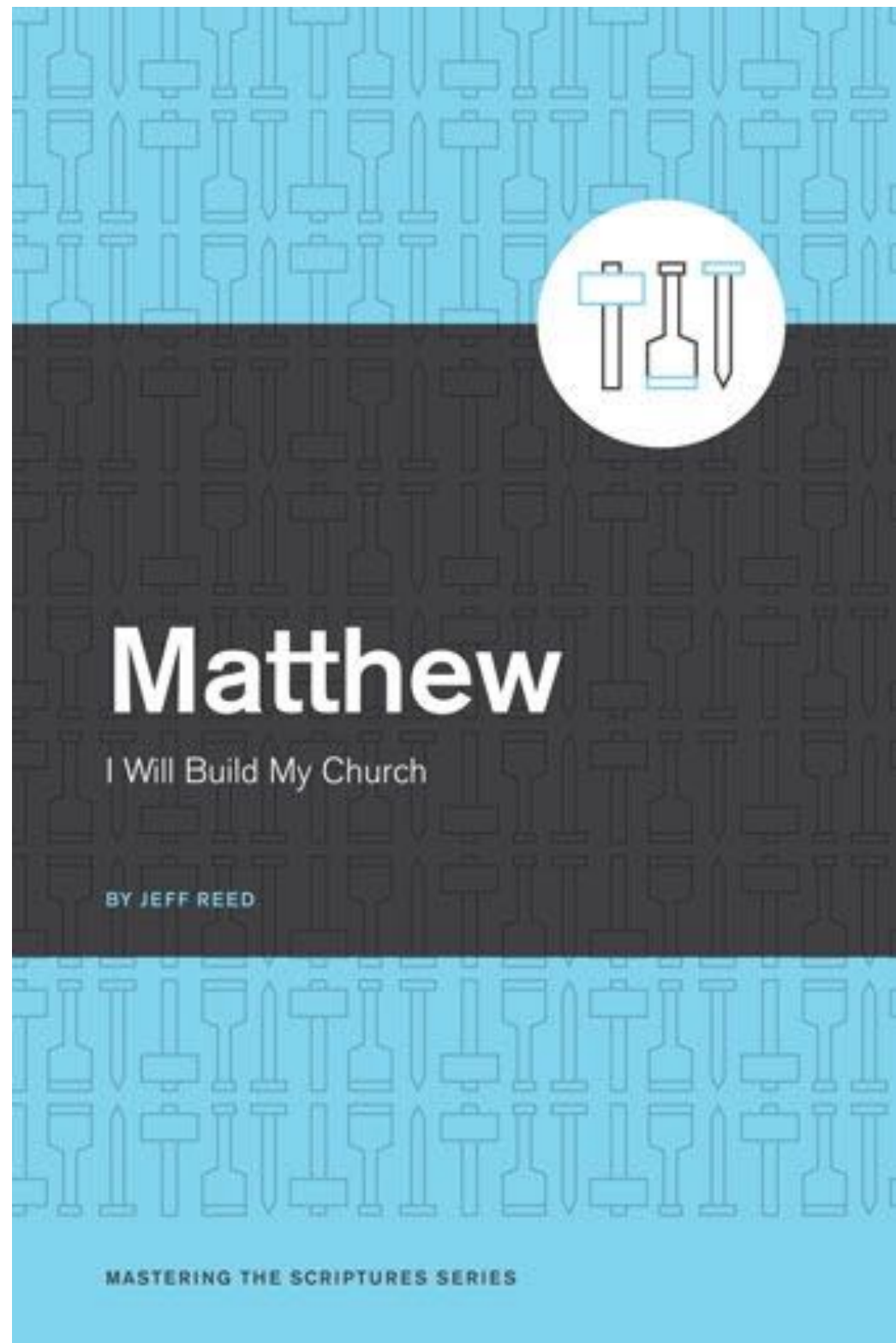
- Jesus is building His church
- Satan and all his forces will try to stop it, but will not be able to overtake it
- Jesus is building His body/family, He is gathering a family for His Kingdom
- Peter's role is key



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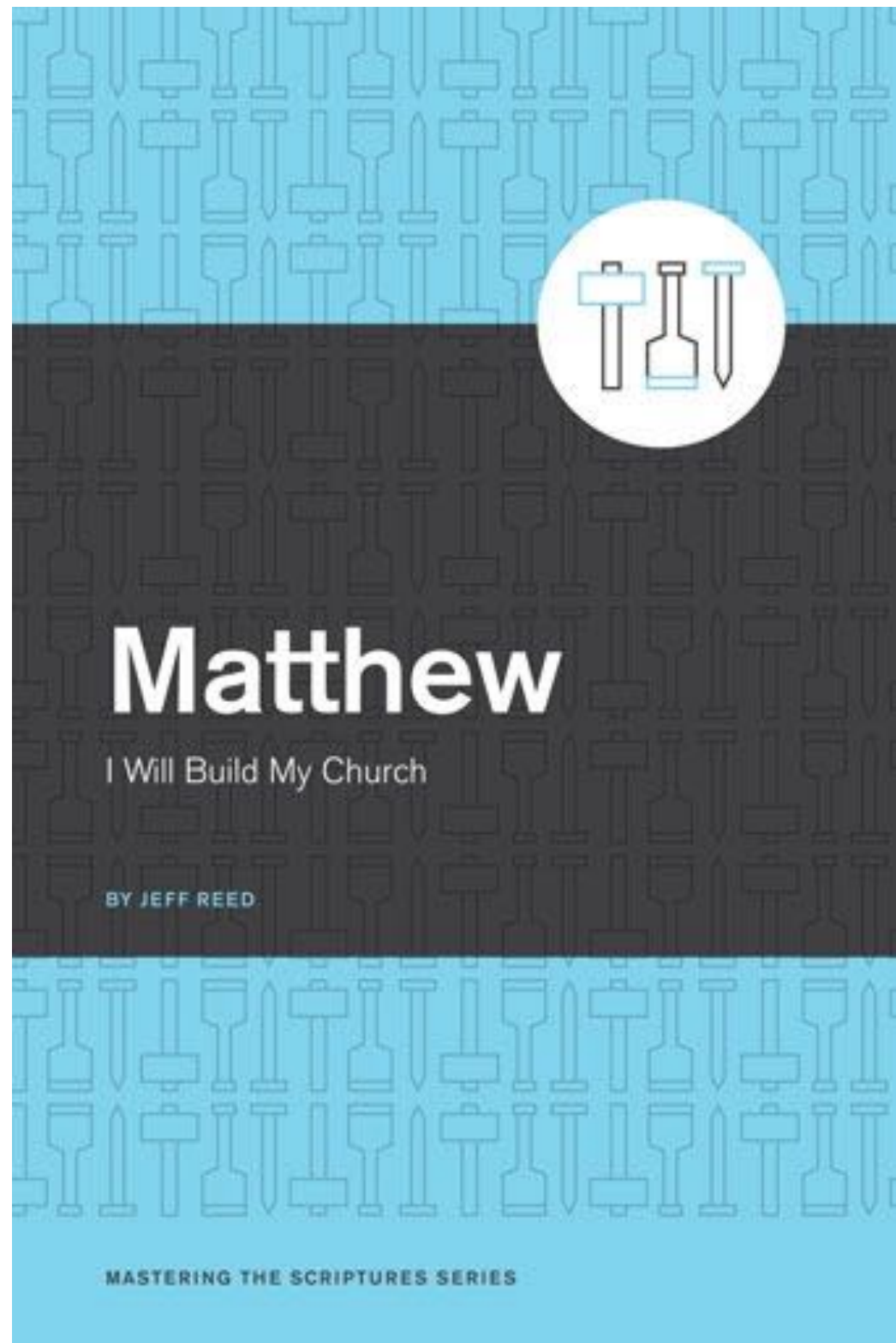
### Narrative-Discourse 5 - Olivet Discourse

- We see the end of the age and the coming judgement
- The Church is to continue this proclamation until Jesus returns



## The Great Commission - The Kerygmatic Nature of The Church!

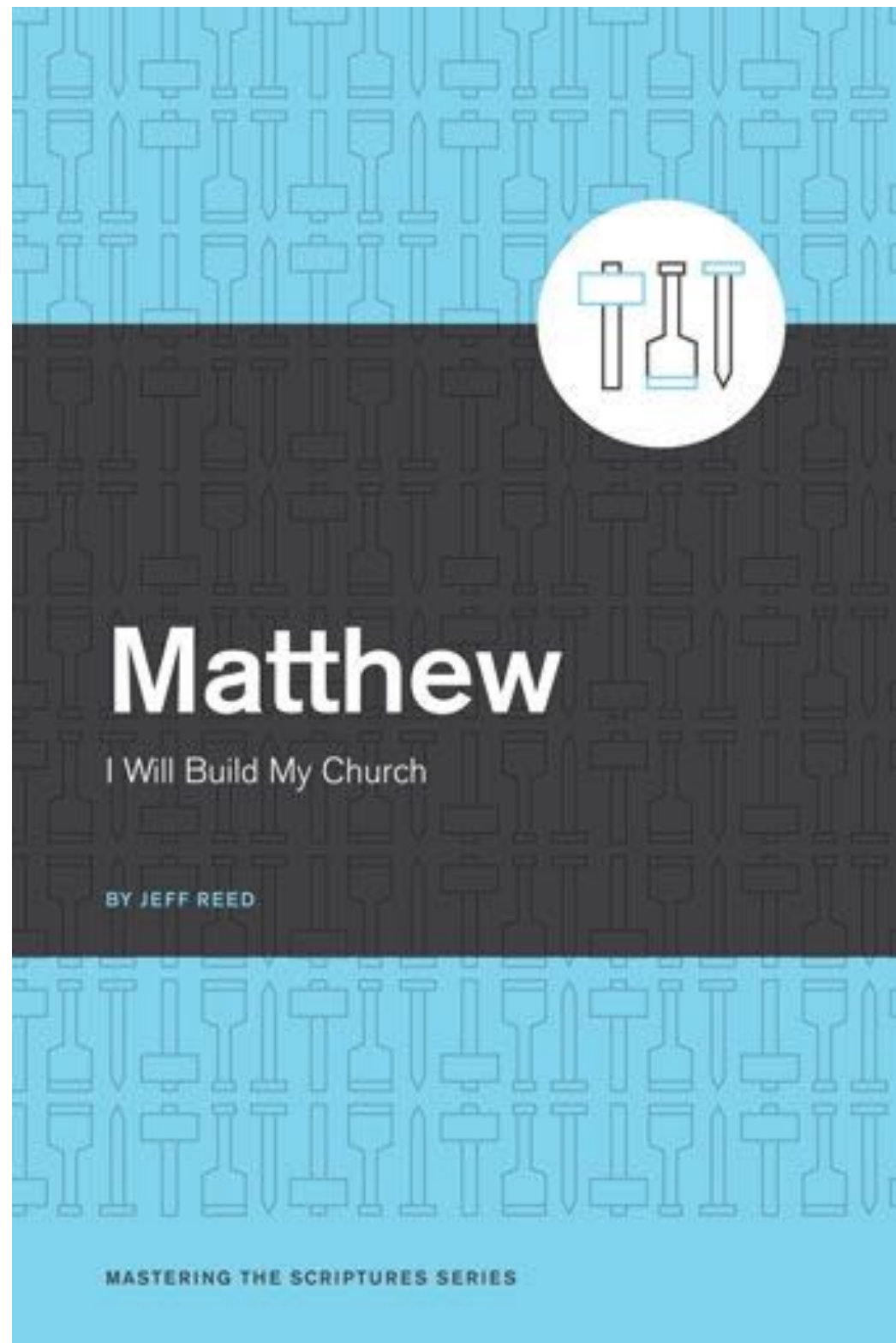
1. The nature of this new community is kerygmatic (missional). The mission will continue until Christ's return.
2. Those who believe—His new disciples—are to be baptized into this new community and follow everything that Christ commands the Apostles.
3. This is known in the Early Church as the "Apostles' teaching," which later matured into "The Teaching" or "the Didache," which was delivered by the Apostles to the churches in the form of letters.
4. The first form of this teaching was "the proclamation,"—the gospel, the Apostles' teaching—which was expanded upon to shape the kerygmatic nature of this new community.
5. Thus, proclamation is the heart of their mission, which includes the good news that the kingdom of God has been inaugurated and that this new community, the Church and the churches, is to become the steward of this proclamation.



## **The Great Commission - The Kerygmatic Nature of The Church!**

6. This proclamation is to be taken to all nations and is to continue until the return of Christ.
7. Jesus will be with this new community in a very real way, guiding and shaping this proclamation until the end of the age.
8. Becoming a disciple is far more than just believing the gospel, the kerygmatic message. It involves being baptized into Christ's new community—His Church and His churches—and following Jesus' teaching as delivered by the Apostles.
9. There will be great opposition to the growth of the kingdom through the proclamation of the good news—great opposition to the increase in followers who are incorporated into His new community, the Church.
10. This proclamation and growth will continue until Christ's return, which will be at a time of great global conflict. At that time, Christ will validate the proclamation by fully establishing His kingdom.
11. The proclamation will begin with the nation of Israel but will shift as they reject the message and the Gentiles are receptive; it will almost exclusively progress amongst the Gentiles until the return of Christ.

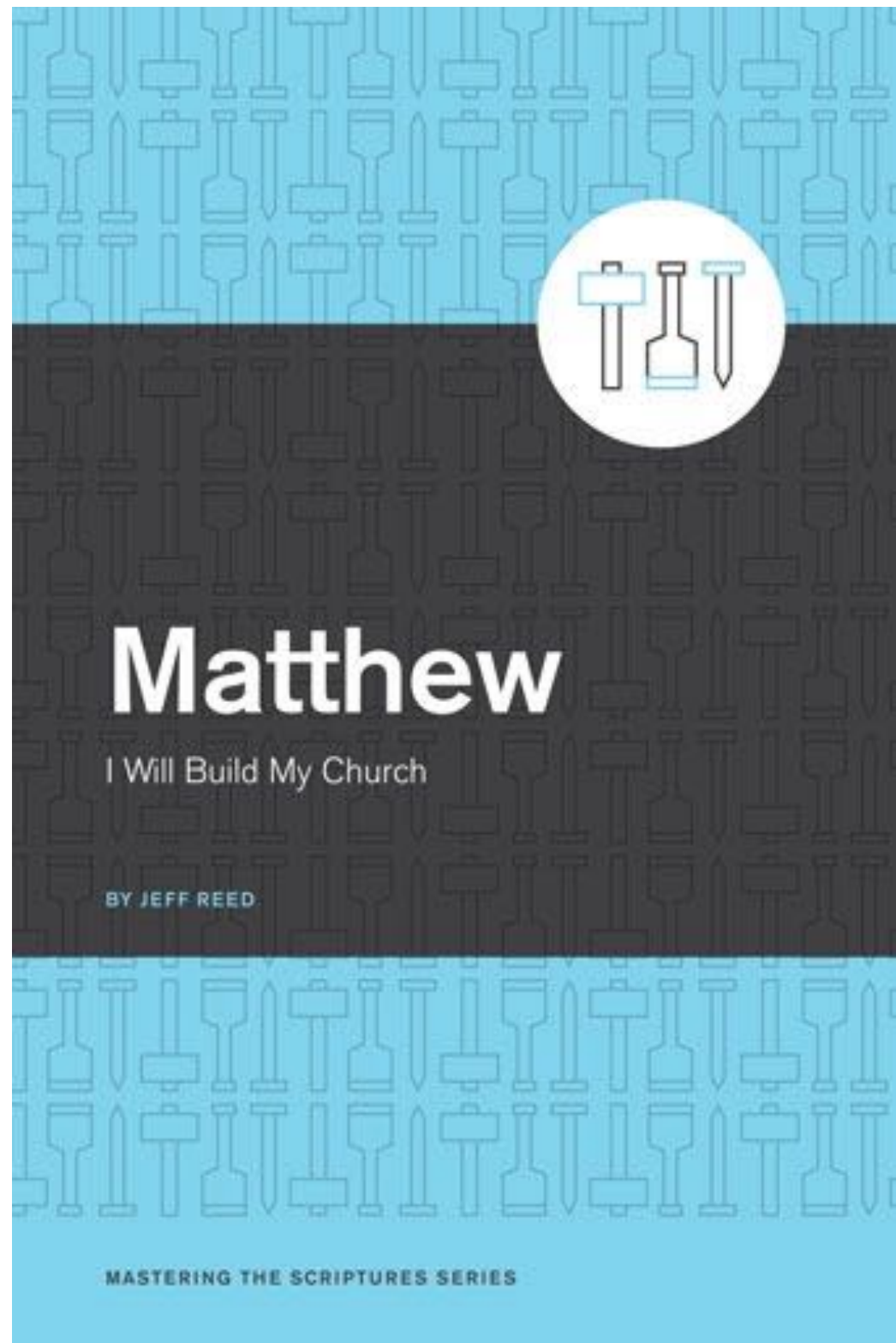




# Matthew: I Will Build My Church

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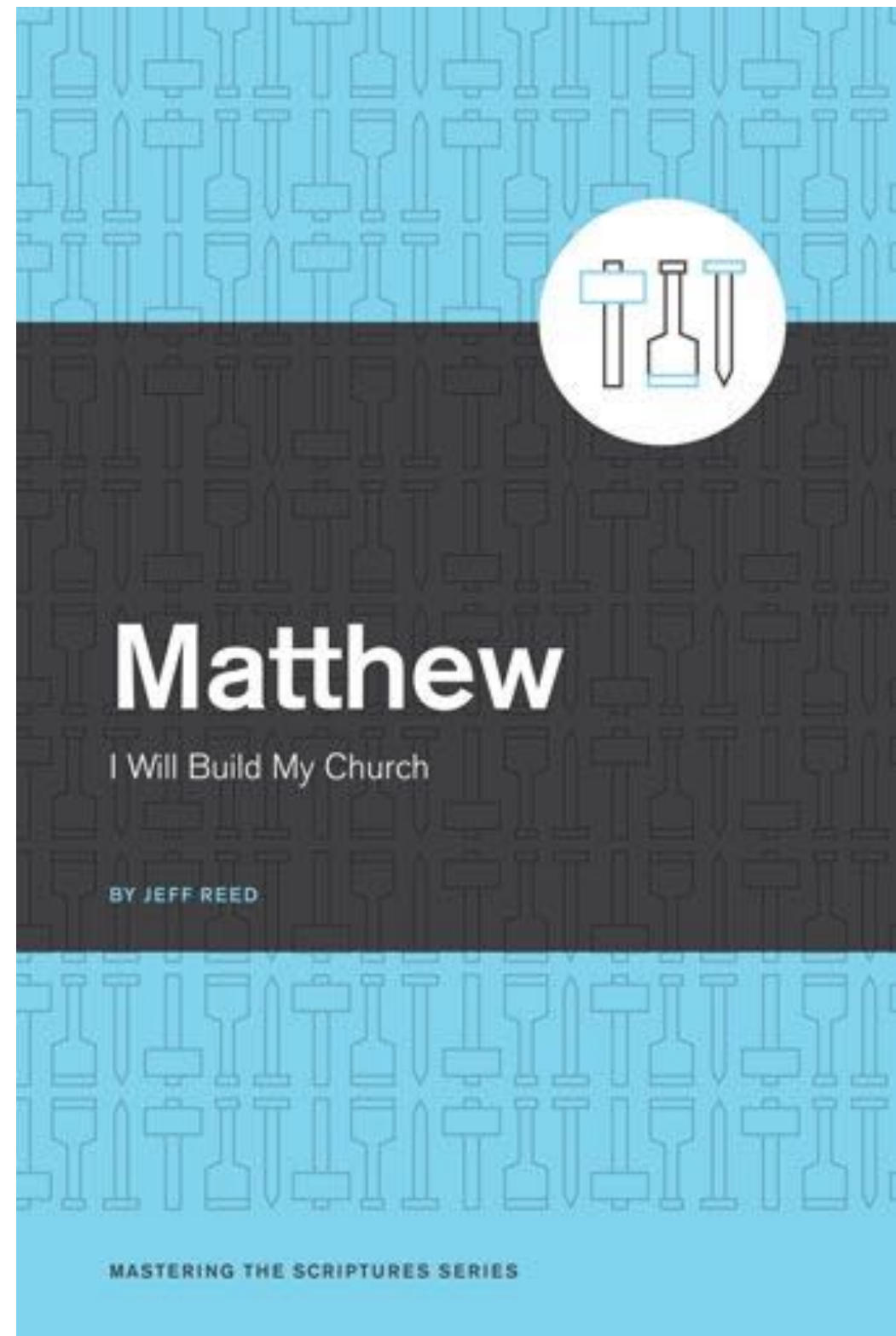
## **What is the Church? How Important Is It?**

For most church goers the church is not central, nor are we aware that the Kingdom has begun. Most of the time other things are central in our lives, dictating how we use our time:

- our families
- our careers and professions
- our cars and home
- our hobbies
- our financial goals

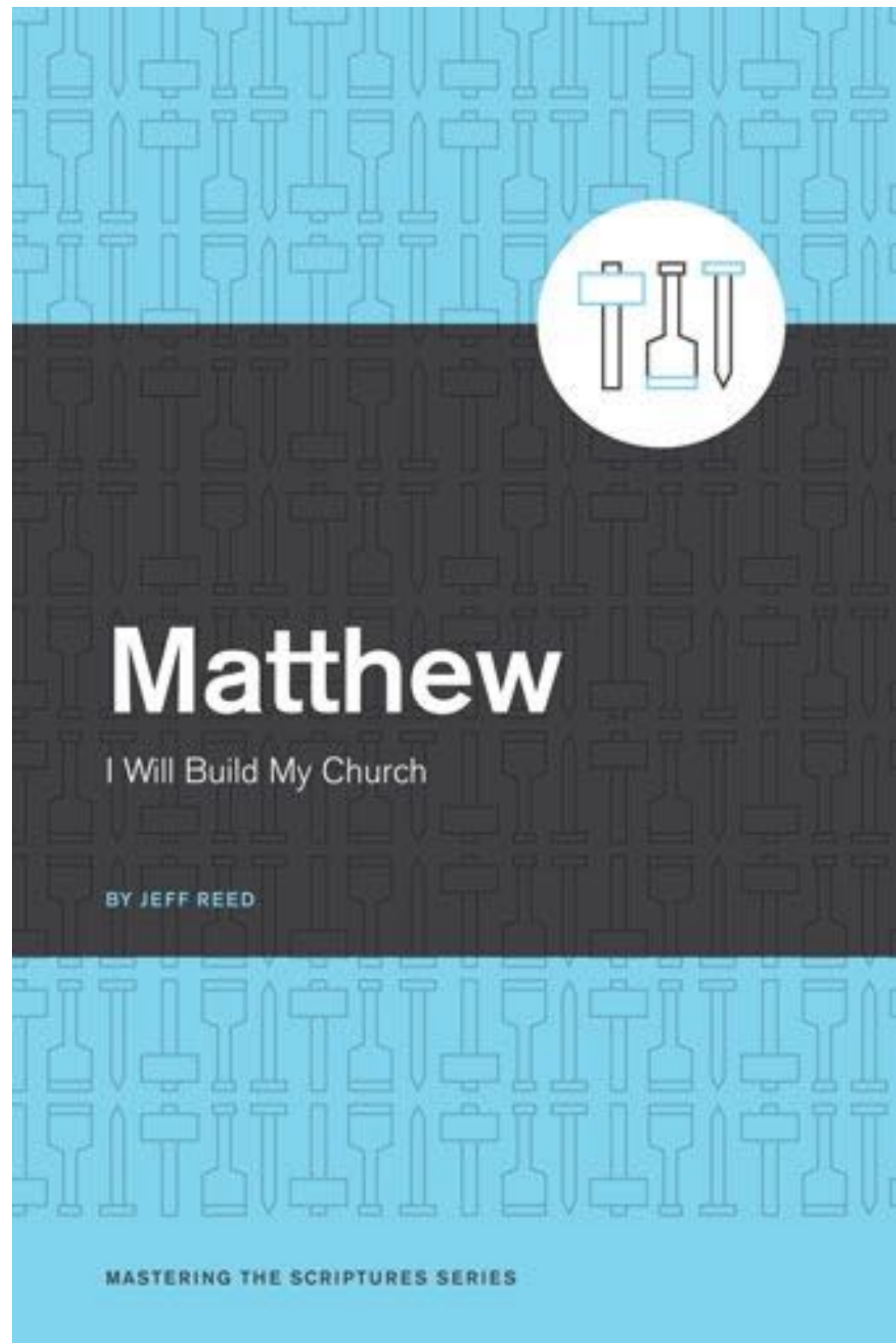
We need to be thinking through the significance of this new community, the Church in the inauguration and expansion of the Kingdom.

- It is committed to make followers of Jesus everywhere in the world
- It is to be global in its expanse
- It can expect massive opposition as it expands
- It has a body of teaching that it is to adhere to, following the apostles teachings
- It incorporates it's new believers into local communities of faith
- Christ will build His church and nothing can prevail against it



## **What is the Church? How Important Is It?**

We are part of an ever expanding movement of churches that make up a large, global, church, of which each of us is vital. The church is made up of networks of churches and apostolic leaders all over the world and Christ's kingdom expansion of the church should be the highest order by which we orientate all of our lives.



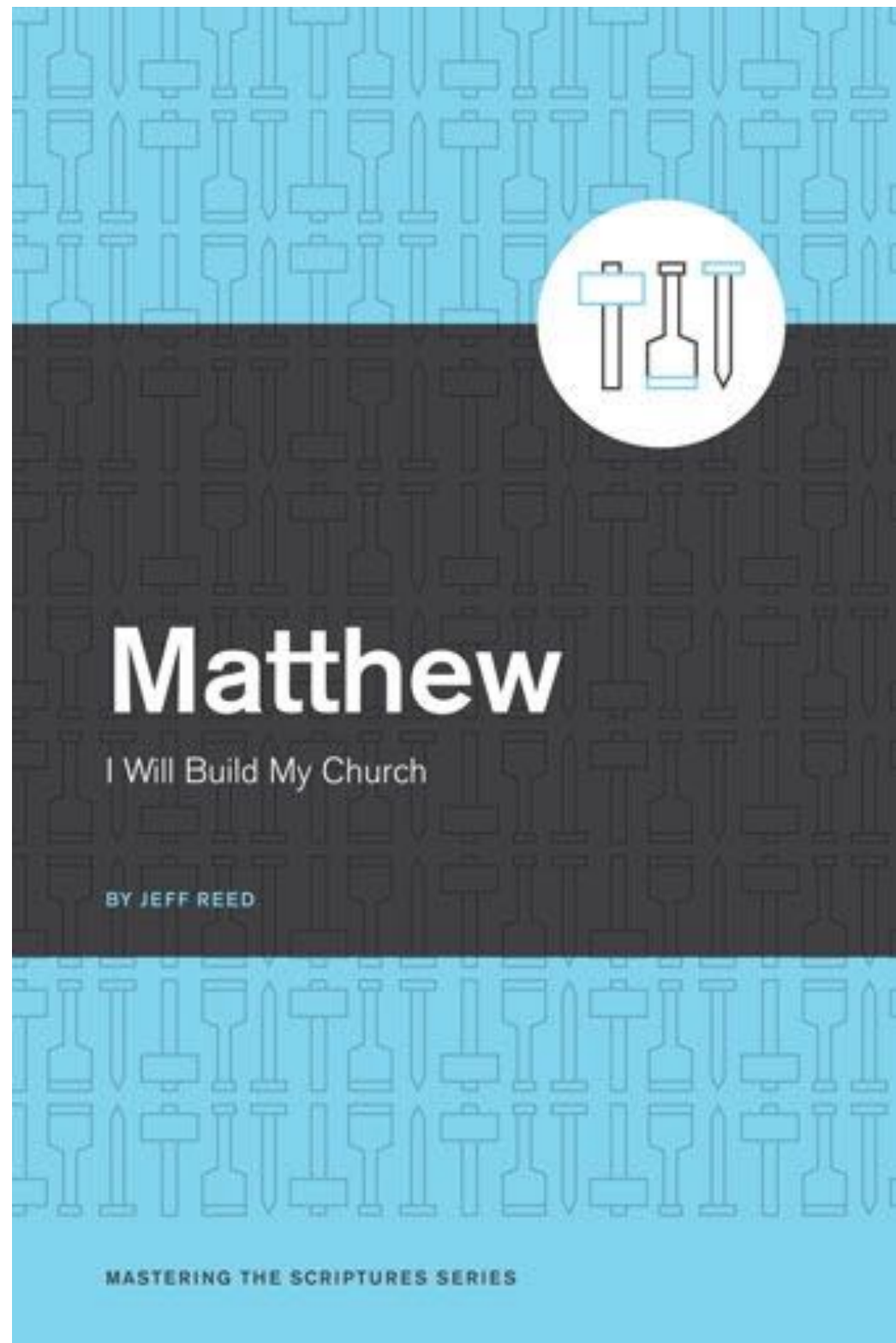
## What is the Great Commission? How Do We Follow It?

The Great Commission verses, assumes an understanding of the entire letter, demonstrating Jesus setting up His new community.

In the past 50 years we have emphasized individual conversion and broken up the commission to baptize and teach as a formula, missing the larger view that Christ has commissioned and is setting up a new family to be part of His New Kingdom.

Those that accept this message are to believe and be taught (being baptized as part of joining a community not a formula), and participate in His new community, to a unique way of living together!

- The church, as His family is central
- People accepting the message, being taught all the teachings is key
- By the unique way the church lives, it is kerygmatic



**Now go forth and live kerygmatic lives in and through our churches, living uniquely, as Satan cannot stop its progress, and participate in the global expansion of His church, for we will all gather for a big feast when His Kingdom is fully realized!**