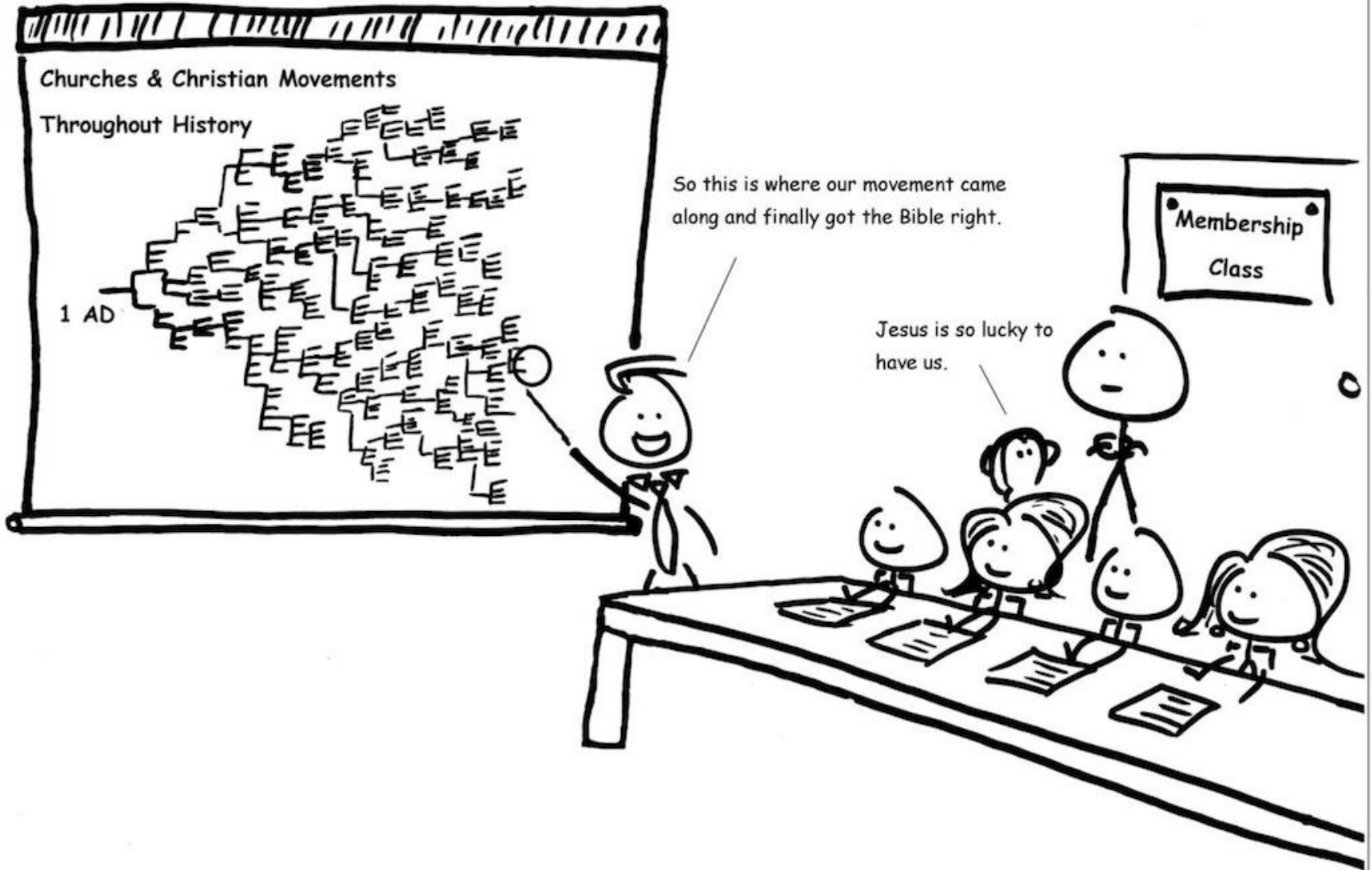


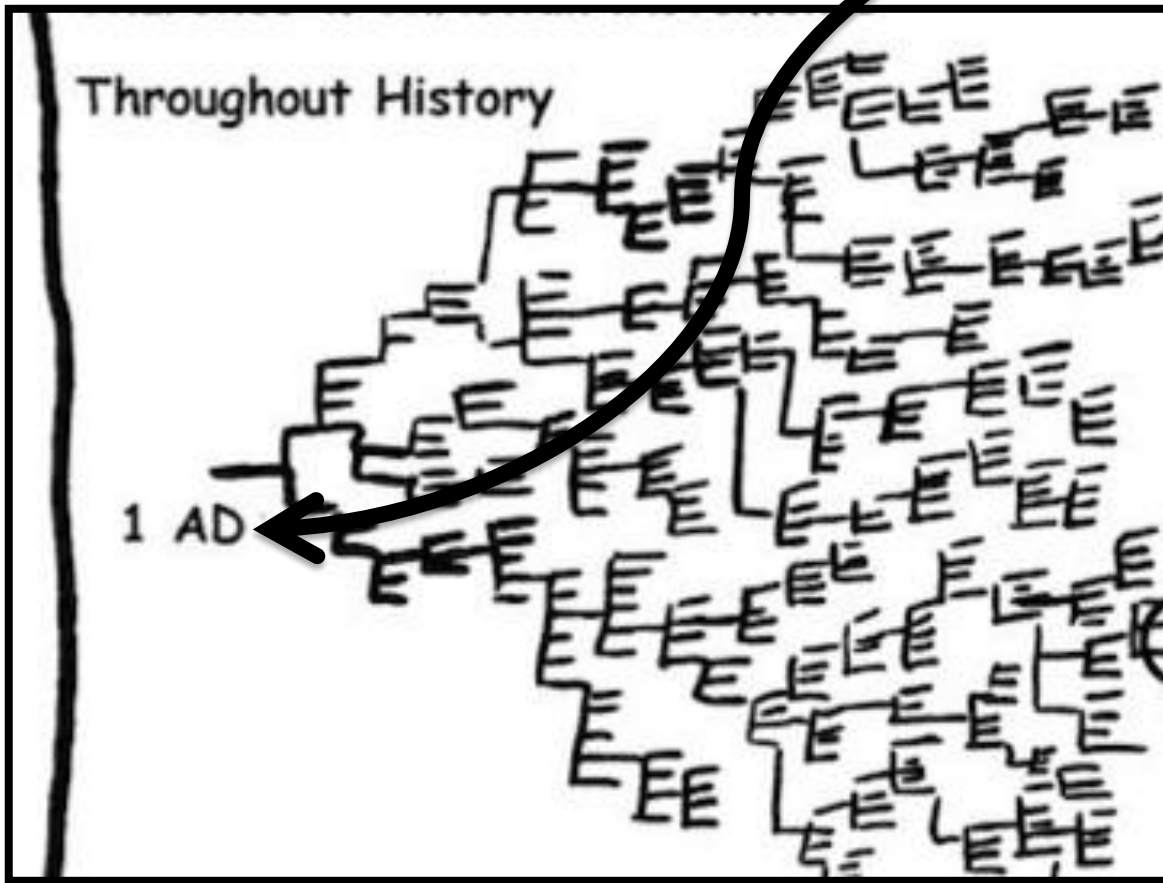
# **Welcome back...We are the CityChurch of Ames Des Moines**

A network of churches in central Iowa (16 churches)

We believe there is a link between the expansion and establishment of the Early Church and the simple gathering together of communities of believers on the first day of every week in homes and tenements around an evening meal, celebrating their new life in Christ.







**Principles from Early Church, so that we can impact our cultures today.**

We stand on the brink of new era, an era, which if properly understood will allow us to visit the New Testament times....a time to rediscover the simple genius of the local church, the family of God.

This church based movement is primarily about churches, local churches, all over the world. It is not about mission agencies, but it does include missions. It is not about seminaries but it does include theological education.

We live in a time of paradigm change, the Western church and systems are nominal while the 2/3 world is experiencing church growth. It is time for us to return to the roots of Christianity, where theology is done by the local churches and based in establishing the people. The churches will then reach their culture by understanding and working in it, meeting their culture's needs.

If we want to make a difference in our time, we will not be able to do on Western systems, we will need to return to the roots of Christianity, where theology is done by the local churches and based in establishing churches. Every culture will be reached by the local church seeking the welfare of its neighborhood.

## Family Updates

Budgeted for week 33     \$301,455

Accumulated income     \$239,900

- Encourage each other to give with a grateful heart



## Family Updates

All Leader's meeting tomorrow, Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

- All leaders, leading women, and emerging leaders should attend
- Discussing and hearing reports about our churches

# BILD Summit

- October 25 – November 3
- 30-40 Countries to attend
- Tier 3, top network leaders from across Global South
- Skill Building, Dashboard, and Resource building workshops
  
- Asking for 80k from our churches to support the conference
  - We are asking other churches to support as well

<https://bild.org/network/bild-conference-support>

# SAVE THE DATE



## PARADIGM PIONEERS

Building Self-Sustaining Church  
Networks in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

### 2017 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

November 2–3, 2017

BILD International | Ames, Iowa

Please join us for our annual Executive Leadership Summit, a unique opportunity for North American church leaders, ministry CEOs, foundation leaders, and businessmen and women with hearts for the expansion of the gospel through strengthening churches and accelerating church multiplication.

#### 4 KEY REASONS YOU SHOULD ATTEND:

##### 1. Interact with Global Church Movement Leaders From 30+ Countries

- Meet top leaders from a number of the largest church networks and movements around the world without having to travel to their countries.
- If desired, private meetings can be arranged with leaders.

##### 2. Learn About Building Large-Scale, Sustainable, Church-Planting Movements

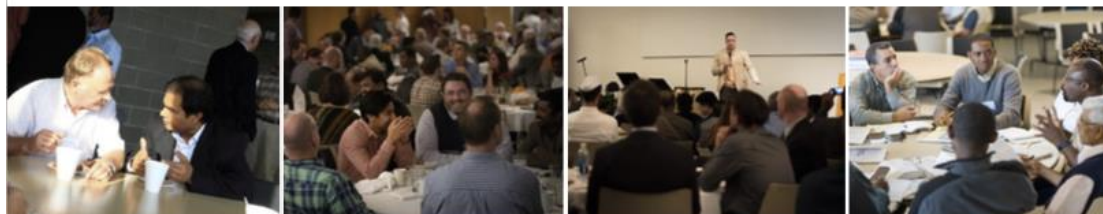
- Learn about building church-planting movements around the "way of Christ and His Apostles," exactly like what unfolded in the book of Acts.
- Deepen your understanding of the BILD philosophy and training system.
- Sharpen your ministry investment strategy, since there are so many flawed and shallow, unsustainable church-planting movement strategies driven by U.S. organizations.

##### 3. Engage with the BILD Global Network

- See in depth how BILD is developing a global network with systems for self sustainability, led by the nationals we have trained.
- Understand the strategic nature of our black church partners to the inner cities in the U.S.
- Witness how our 30-City Urban Strategy is unfolding in the U.S. and how churches working together with BILD can impact entire cities.

##### 4. Hear from Top Asian Leaders at the International Banquet

- At our International Banquet, hear from two top leaders in Asia about their implementation of the BILD training system.



## The Importance of Apostolic Teams – Today we want to equip you to answer the following questions?

- If you say to someone, we don't have a missions team, we are a church family that has an apostolic team, just like the early church. What do they say?
- When I talk with people who want to give money, they almost always want to give to “a project or person” in a specific country. Why? Why is the work of an apostolic team overlooked?

## Sustaining a Global Network

### The Work of Apostolic Teams

Paul and his teams shaped their networks to sustain the expansion and establishment of the church for generations. Yet in our generation, the work and role of apostolic teams is vastly misunderstood and often not utilized. The Protestant churches continue to be lead by administrators rather than apostolic leaders, wise leaders, but gifted mainly as administrators nevertheless. What are apostolic leaders and apostolic teams? Why are they important? What do they do in general? What do they do in today's churches? Who are they?

The one body of Christ is given leadership gifts, apostolic gifting's that are for building His body! Apostolic teams have been given gifts and authority by Christ for the building and unity of the church, to be the body of Christ.

#### Read the following passage:<sup>1</sup>

<sup>8</sup>For if I do indeed boast a bit too enthusiastically about the authority which the Lord has given me - which is for building you up, not for pulling you down! - I shan't be ashamed...<sup>12</sup>We wouldn't dare, you see, to figure out where we belong on some scale or other, or compare ourselves with people who commend themselves. They measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another. That just shows how silly they are! <sup>13</sup>But when we boast, we don't go off into flights of fancy; we boast according to the measure of the rule God has given us to measure ourselves by, and that rule includes our work with you!

2 Corinthians 10:8,12-13 (N.T. Wright)

<sup>4</sup>There is one body and one spirit...called to one hope which goes with your call. <sup>5</sup>There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and father of all, who is over all, through all and in all...<sup>11</sup>So these were the gifts that he gave. Some were to apostles, others prophets, others evangelists, and others pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup>Their job is to give God's people the equipment they need for their work of service, and so to build up the king's body.

Ephesians 4:4-6,11-12 (N.T. Wright)

Whatever anyone else dares to boast about (I'm talking nonsense, remember), I'll boast as well. <sup>22</sup>Are they Hebrews? So am I. Are they Israelites? So am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? So am I. <sup>23</sup>Are they servants of the Messiah? I'm talking like a raving madman - I'm a better one. I've worked harder, been in prison more often, been beaten more times than I can count, and I've often been close to death. <sup>24</sup>Five times I've had the Jewish beating, forty lashes less one. <sup>25</sup>Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; I was adrift in the sea for a night and a day. <sup>26</sup>I've been constantly traveling, facing dangers from rivers, dangers from brigands, dangers from my own people, dangers from foreigners, dangers in the town, dangers in the countryside, dangers at sea, dangers from false believers. <sup>27</sup>I've toiled and labored; I've burned the candle at both ends; I've been hungry and thirsty; I've often gone without food altogether; I've been cold and naked. <sup>28</sup>Quite apart from all that, I have this daily pressure on me, my care for all the churches.

2 Corinthians 11:22-28 (N.T. Wright)

#### Discuss the following:

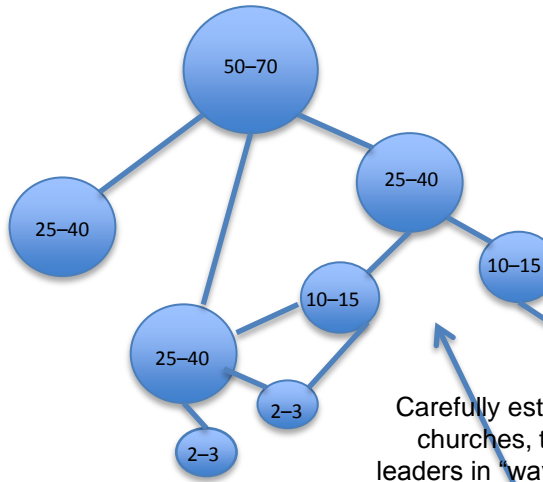
1. What is the importance of apostolic leadership today? Why is our world returning to an age, described as an apostolic age?
2. What does apostolic leadership look like today? What does their authority look like?
3. How does the idea of apostolic leadership and apostolic teams reshape our understanding of local church leaders? How do these principles reshape our understanding of a professional pastor or western missionary?

<sup>1</sup> For a more complete understanding - Also Read Romans 16, all of 2 Corinthians.

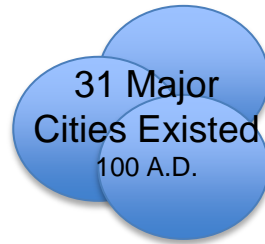
# Complex Network of the Early Churches

## Complex Network Mapping Around 100 A.D.

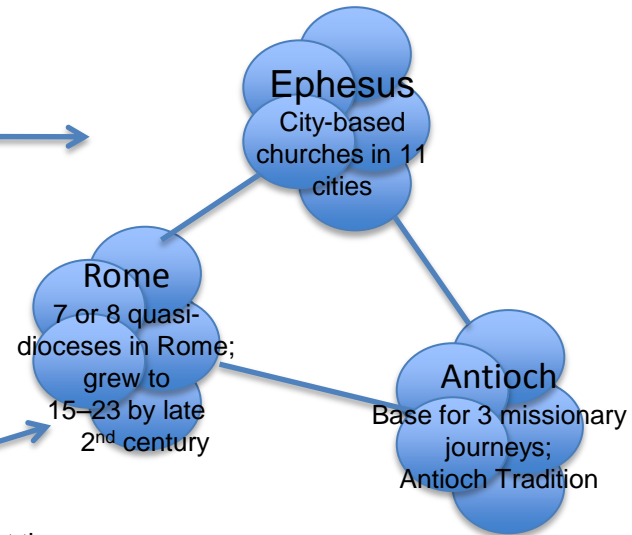
**City-Based Church**  
Web of Emerging, House, and Community Churches (a Quasi-Diocese)



**City-Based Churches**  
Network/Cluster of City-Based Churches



**City-Based Churches as Strategic Hubs**



Carefully established churches, trained leaders in "way of Christ and His Apostles" (by letters, visits, sending co-workers)

Strategically planted churches with the view of their spontaneous expansion reaching the entire Roman Empire

Spent significant time and effort, sometimes many years, establishing strategic hubs for the movement



<sup>22</sup> This is the reason that I have so often been hindered from coming to you. <sup>23</sup> But now, with no further place for me in these regions, I desire, as I have for many years, to come to you <sup>24</sup> when I go to Spain. Romans 15

