SERMON OUTLINE

Date: Sunday, 10/25/09
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The Church (Intro to Ephesians)

A. Motivation for This Study
   1. COTOD Documents
      -Covenant
      -Missions Policy
      -Vision Statement
      -Core Values
   2. IFCA Documents
   3. Biblical Documents

B. Background for This Study
   1. Uses of the English word
   2. Etymology: evkklhsi,a (ekklesia)

C. Churches and the Plans of Jesus
   1. Jesus' Use of the Word "church"
      -A note on "key texts"
      -Matt 18:17
      -Matt 16:18
   2. The Centrality of the Church in the Plan of Jesus (Mathew 16:13-21)
      -Jesus Instructs the Disciples on the Church at a Key Time (vs. 13-17)
      -The Church as the People of the Messiah (vs. 18-19)
      -The Beginning of the End of the Earthly Mission of Jesus (vs. 20-21)

D. Churches and the Understanding of the Apostles (Mat 28:18-20 and Acts)

E. Instructions to the Ephesians
   1. To the Ephesian Elders (Acts 20:17-38)
   2. To the Church at Ephesus (Ephesians)