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A. FOCUS: (FRUITFUL Community)

1. Gospel Doctrine + Gospel Culture = Gospel Power
 - a) Successful - Faithful - Fruitful?

B. METHOD: Discipleship

1. Disciples who make disciples

C. Church Universal/Local

II. THE CHURCH & THE IMAGE OF GOD

A. Ruling Sons - A Kingly Storyline

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| 1. Creation | 4. Christ |
| 2. Fall | 5. Church |
| 3. Israel | 6. Glory |

III. METAPHORS FOR THE CHURCH.

- Family - (1 Tim. 5:1-2; Eph. 3:14; 2 Cor. 6:18; Matt. 12:49-50; 1 John 3:14-18).
- Bride of Christ - (Eph. 5:32; 2 Cor. 11:2)
- Branches on a vine (John 15:5)
- Olive tree (Rom. 11:17-24)
- Field of crops (1 Cor. 3:6-9)
- Building (1 Cor. 3:9)
- Harvest (Matt. 13:1-30; John 4:35)
- New temple, New Priesthood (1 Peter 2:4-8)
- God's house (Heb. 3)
- Pillar and bulwark of the truth" (1 Tim. 3:15).
- Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:12-27) everybody an important part
- Body of Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:15-16, Colossians 2:19) Jesus is the head

III. IMPLICATIONS

Implication 1: The Church is the focal point of God's plan to display His glory to the nation

Implication 2: The local church is to be distinct from the world.