

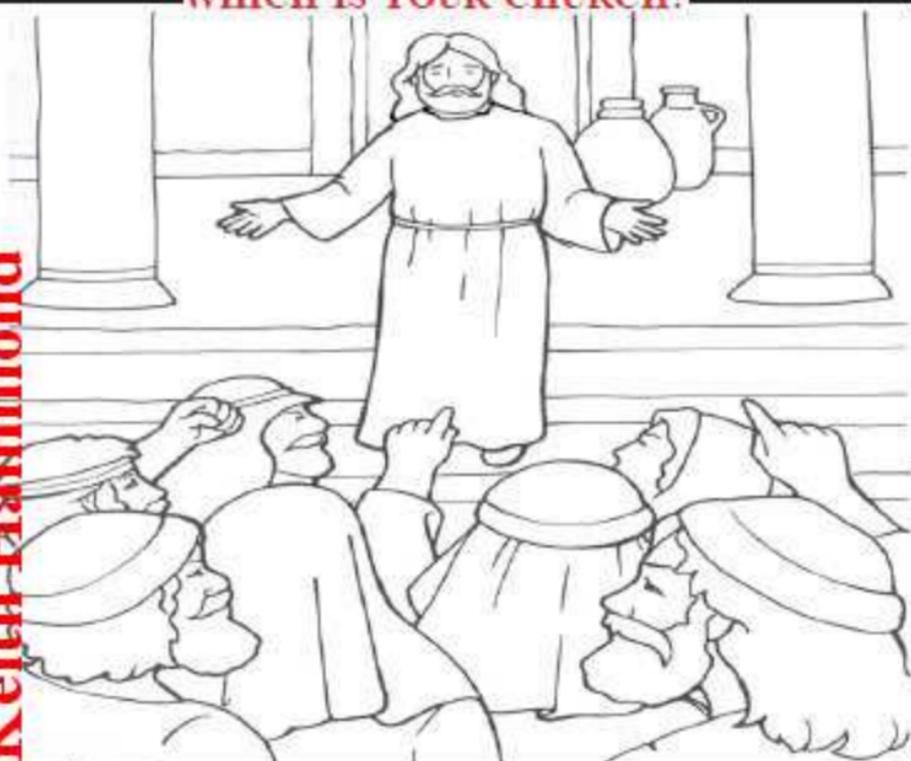
Monument



or

WHICH IS YOUR CHURCH?

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INTRODUCTION

Based on John 15:1-17, this book looks at churches that constantly struggle, with no growth. The Bible calls these branches "dead." Offers many suggestions on how churches can come alive and bear fruit by training its members in ministry. Anyone that knows me and been around me long enough have probably heard me say that the last thing a mature Christian needs is another Bible study if they haven't used what they've already learned. Instead, they need a ministry study. **MONUMENT OR MOVEMENT** teaches how to add ministry studies to your Bible studies in order to spur growth in your membership, and several areas of ministry.

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WHAT IS A MONUMENT?

A monument is a fixture that is built to honor or remember something historic or someone that is dead. Normally made out of stone, it represents the contribution that someone or something made to benefit society. It is fixed. Never moves. Lifeless. Churches are not supposed to be fixed, never moving, lifeless with nothing to draw new people to Christ, or keep members active in the church so their lives are transformed by the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Churches are supposed to be alive, teeming with life, love and liberty in Christ so that Jesus is lifted up so that He draws men unto Him so they can be transformed into bold, mature Christians, useful in service to the Body of Christ. Churches are supposed to be movements. Jesus started a movement. His power drew people. His passion carried them.

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WHAT IS A MOVEMENT?

A movement is an organization created to carry out a mission or purpose. Normally started from what society calls "grass roots", it represents something that should be addressed, or resolved. It starts with one or two people who have a passion for meeting such need, then the message gets conveyed to others who share that passion, and the movement is born. Churches are supposed to be easily identifiable under the definition of a movement. They should be so passionate about the spreading the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ that their passion overflows from within the church walls, outside into the immediate community, then catches on to the broader community, then spreads throughout a nation, and then globally, to the rest of the world. Churches can learn a lot by studying the passion of Jesus Christ, Billy Graham, and even Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in that their passion took them to the streets where others with passion joined them, and thereby changed nations.

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WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

The only difference between a monument and a movement are the letters "N U". Think about it. A church can come alive from being a monument and be active as a movement by using what is "N U". The members of any church are the core of that church. They are the leadership, the operations, the education, the function, etc. Without the members, the place of worship is just an empty, inactive building. What makes it alive, is the spirit inside the people. The passion inside the people. The drive inside the people. The compassion inside the people. The willingness inside the people. The sacrifice of the people. The yearning of the people. The hunger and thirst of the people. The abilities of the people. The resources of the people. Without these things, churches would be just a group of people who gather at a certain place, at a certain time, to do one certain thing, then go their separate ways.

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Churches like these don't even know the names of neighbors right next door, and certainly aren't familiar with the people a block away. And the only thing that church offers people in that community is a place to come drop their money in a tray when the doors are open. THESE PLACES, IN MY OPINION, ARE DEAD AND DANGEROUS BRANCHES THAT HAVE BEEN CUT OFF. AND ONLY CONTINUE TO FUNCTION BECAUSE THEY HAVEN'T FACED REALITY THAT THEY ARE NOT EFFECTIVE, AND ARE ONLY ROBBING GOD OF WHAT IS BEING GIVEN TO THEM BY THEIR MEMBERS.

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