



## How Do We View Church?

- The problem many have with “church” is that they see it simply as an institution.
- They see religion as a set of rules.
- They see it as a museum rather than a living organism.
- Assimilation is not the same thing as discipleship.



## Institution -vs- Relationship

- It's not an "either or" proposition.
- "Institution" is not bad.
  - It doesn't have to be cold and uncaring.
- Religion is not bad (James 1:27).
  - It doesn't have to just be rules.
- But in order for religion to be good, it has to leave the building.
- Jesus is the goal, not church.
- Jesus is our Savior, not church.

**Jesus**  
has left the building



## We Must Emerge

- (Genesis 45:8; 50:20) Joseph.
- (Exodus 2-4) Moses.
- (2 Corinthians 8:9; John 1:14; Hebrews 12:1-2) Jesus.
- Since Jesus was willing to leave heaven, are we willing to leave the comfort and security of our building?

**Jesus**  
has left the building



## Challenges to Leaving the Building

- Fear (John 20:19).
- Consequences (Matthew 25:33-40).
- Lack of Faith (2 Corinthians 4:13).
- Lack of Vision (Numbers 13:33; 14:8-9).

**Jesus**  
has left the building



**Jesus**  
has left the building  
**Will You?**

