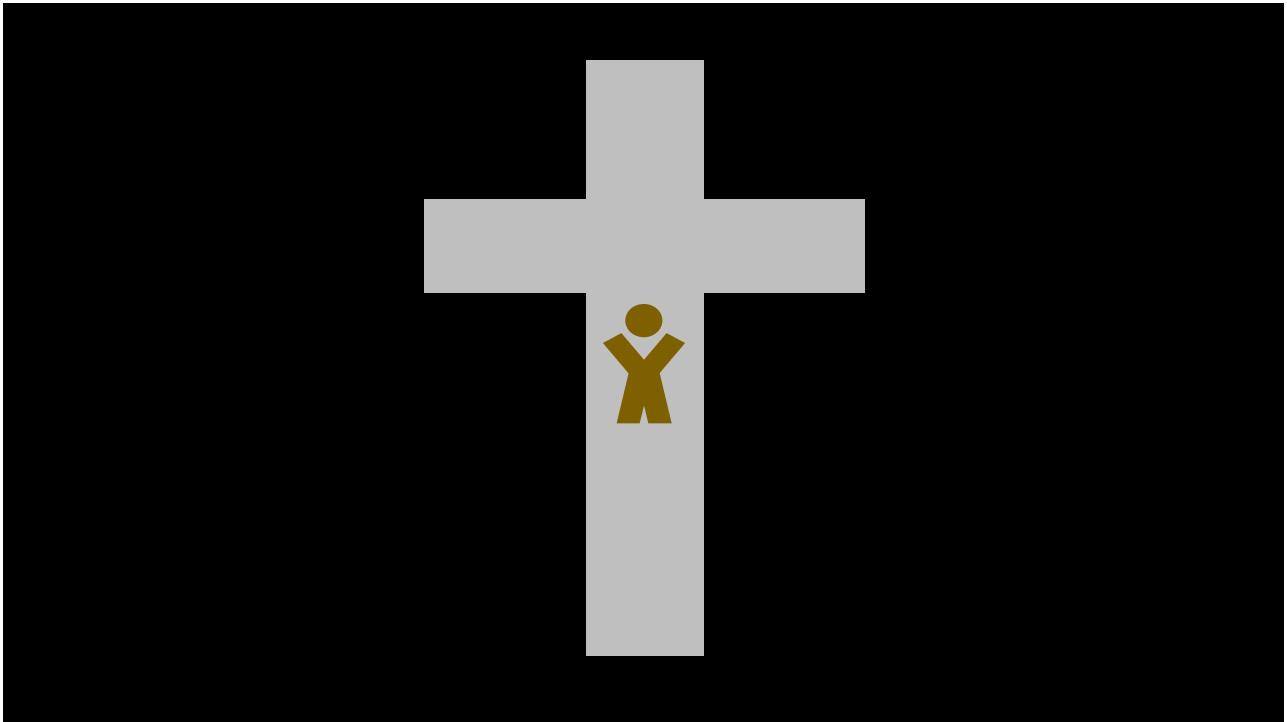


Matthew 13:44-46

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.





The purpose of the church is exactly as it ever was: to proclaim Christ to those who do not know him and strengthen and support those who do.

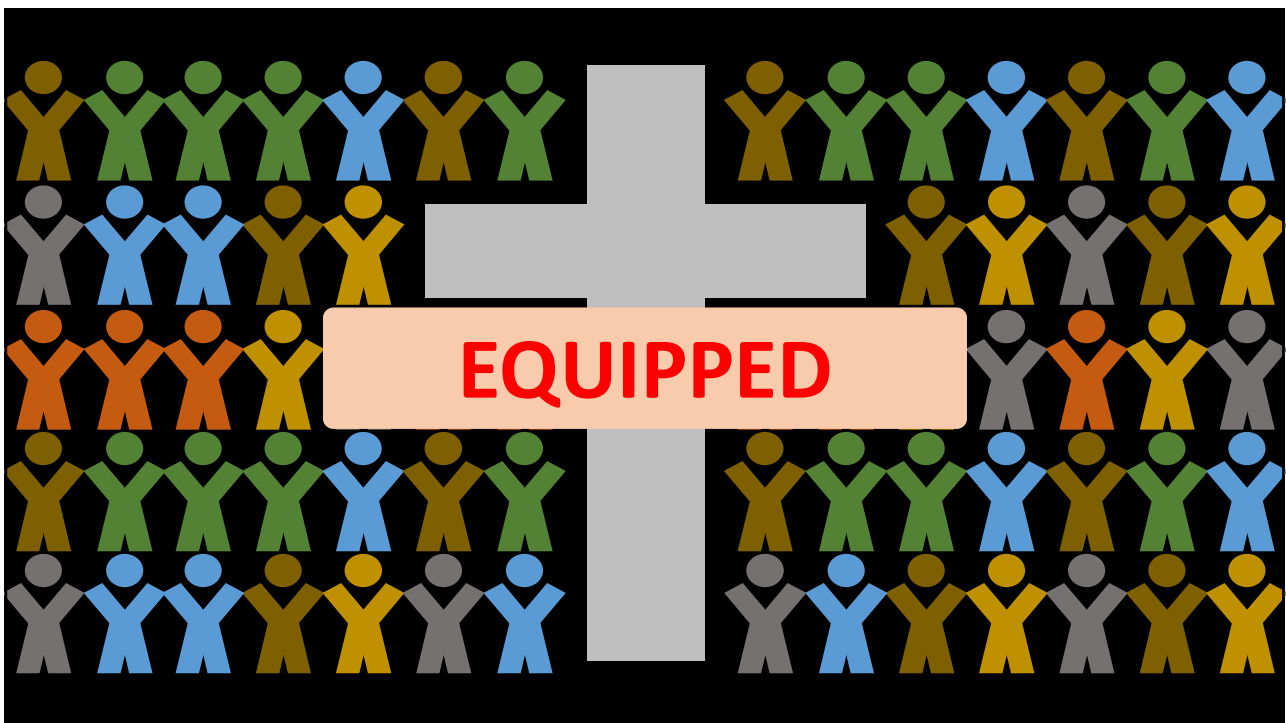
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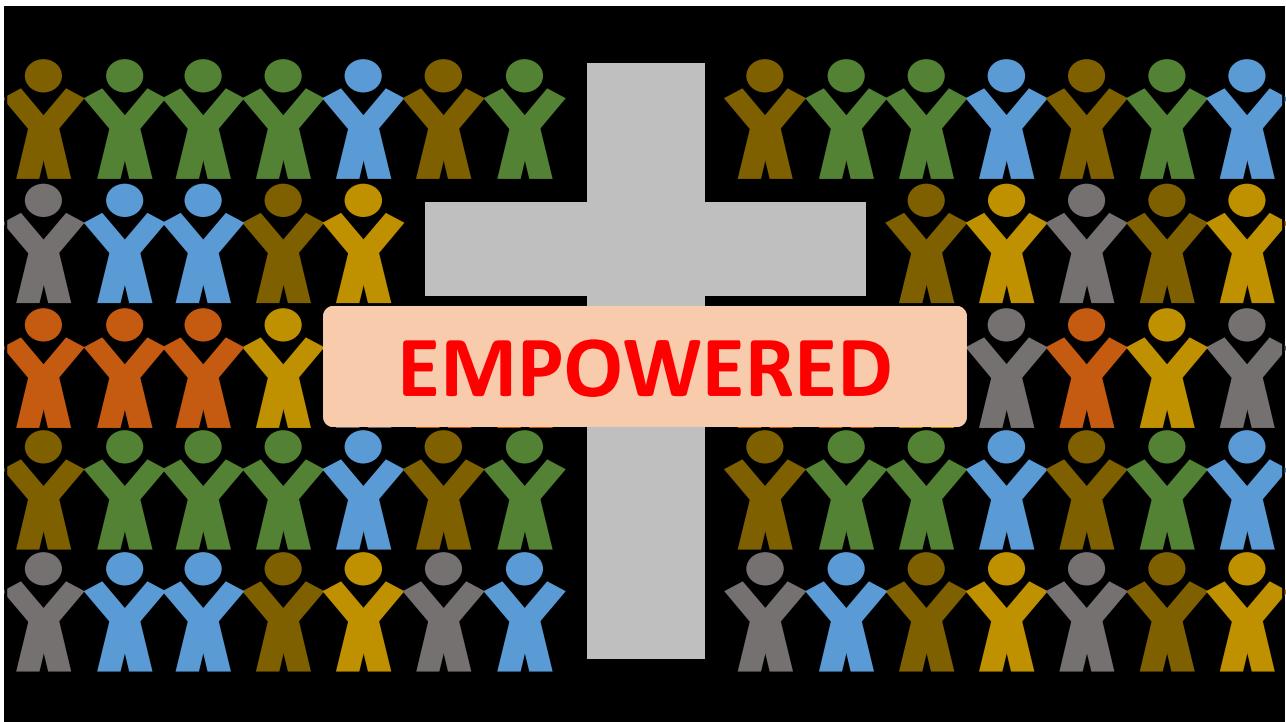
Jesus said,
“I will build my church...”

Matthew 16:18

you, like living stones, are being
built into a spiritual house to be a
holy priesthood, offering spiritual
sacrifices acceptable to God
through Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:5





Matthew 13:31-33

... The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches.”

... The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough.

