

## Understanding the Kingdom Community

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Thesis for part two is God's plan and purpose from Creation to the New Creation and the reconciliation of all things in Christ for His glory.

The interesting idea of this part of our text is God's plan and purpose is extended to all creation. There is the reference to God being a master and there is a great household. God's ultimate plan of reconciliation by the sending of Jesus Christ and entrusting the message to be brought by the Church and the Ministry. The ultimate plan and purpose are implied to satisfy culture, social justice, stewardship of our environment, business and economic and social justice. The church is referred to as the body of Christ and the living temple of the Holy Spirit in scriptures. The church which was formed after Christ is the very people of God and an institution for the community of God's people. We think of the "Great Commission", as Jesus instructed his disciples to "go into all the world and make disciples in every nation". Therefore, the church will be a community that was commissioned to do the works of God and carry out the works of Jesus with the help of the Holy Spirit. Snyder, spoke of the priority of community as the concept of the people of God, the model of Christ with his disciples, the example of the early church and the explicit teaching of Jesus and the apostles. The early church depended on the different gifts of the Holy Spirit to affect change in the community. This helped to equip Christians for the various kinds of witness and service that they would use in fellowship. Wright identified the zeal which early believers displayed and mentioned the Great Commission which attributed to the consciousness of the early Christians. He also encouraged readers to take the bible in its entirety especially Creation, Fall, Redemption in History and the New Creation.

The question that I would like answered is, "Do some modern churches still frown upon speaking in tongues as part of their service and practices?"