

## **Summary of Simple Church**

Jesus never told us to plant churches or run church services. He told us go and make obedient disciples. This training considers some of the ways that church tradition has replaced the commands of Jesus.

### **S1 - Church - A Command or a Tradition?**

Mark 7:9 You Observe Your Own Traditions

Matthew 28:19-20 Go and make disciples

Matthew 7:21 Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,'

### **S2 - The Cost of Church Services**

Luke 13:6-9 Fig Tree in the Vineyard

Matthew 23:4 Cumbersome loads on people's shoulders

### **S3 - Knowledge without Obedience**

Luke 6:46-49 Wise & Foolish Builders

John 5:39 You study the Scriptures diligently

Matthew 13:14-15 You will be ever hearing but never understanding

### **S4 - Church Centred Mission**

Matthew 11:28-30 Come to me

Matthew 5:15-16 Don't hide your light

Luke 10:8-9 Heal the sick... and tell them...

John 2:23-24 Jesus Would not Entrust Himself to the Crowds

## **S5 - Breaking Bread**

Acts 2:46-47 They broke bread in their homes

## **S6 - Personal Glory**

John 7:18 To Gain Personal Glory

## **S7 Big PA systems**

John 12:28-29 The crowd said it had thundered

## **S8 Special Clothes**

Matthew 23:5-7 Everything They Do Is For Show

James 2:2-7 Fine Clothes and Filthy Old Clothes

## **S9 Tithes and Offerings**

Matthew 6:3-4 Let Your Giving be in Secret

2 Corinthians 9:7 Give without Compulsion

## **S10 Spiritual Fathers and Mothers**

Matthew 23:8-10 Do Not Call Anyone On Earth 'Father'

## **S11 Becoming a Missionary Training School**

There are a lot of areas mentioned above where we recognise we have followed the traditions of men instead of obeying Jesus.

I hope that you will listen to Jesus and try your best to obey Him by correcting these outward and inward practices.

The most important thing is to open our spiritual ears to hear Jesus and our hearts to obey Jesus. Without that our 'house' will fall in a terrible destruction (Luke 6:49).