

# Meaningful Church Makeovers

## MAKEOVER SERIES

### Makeover: Structural to Spiritual

God knows people's hearts, and he confirmed that he accepts Gentiles by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us. He made no distinction between us and them, for he cleansed their hearts through faith. So why are you now challenging God by burdening the Gentile believers with a yoke that neither we nor our ancestors were able to bear? We believe that we are all saved the same way, by the undeserved grace of the Lord Jesus." Acts 15:8-11 (NLT)

### Structural to Spiritual Changes



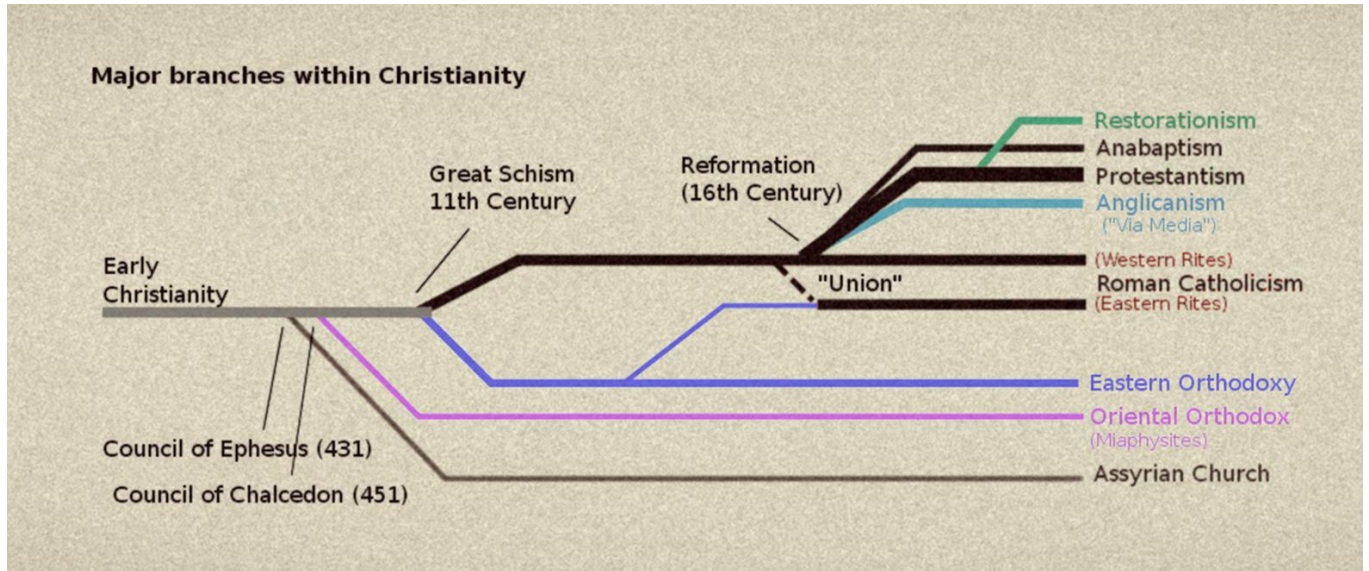
### Extension of the Church



## Conflict at Antioch

But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. Galatians 2:11 (NLT)

## Branching Out



## Making Adjustments from Law to Life

For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God. My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:19-20 (NLT)

## Makeover False Ideas of Jesus

This is how we know if they have the Spirit of God: If a person claiming to be a prophet acknowledges that Jesus Christ came in a real body, that person has the Spirit of God. But if someone claims to be a prophet and does not acknowledge the truth about Jesus, that person is not from God. Such a person has the spirit of the Antichrist, which you heard is coming into the world and indeed is already here. 1 John 4:2-3 (NLT)

## Makeover Back to the Authority of Scripture

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. 2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

## Makeover Applications

- Makeovers are necessary to correct the Church
- Knowing historic Church makeovers helps us to avoid the same errors
- Problems in the Church may be relational, theological, biblical, or organizational
- Humbly leaning on the Holy Spirit's guidance while learning the ways of Jesus' Church brings great reward