

INTRODUCTION

1. Recent pondering...

1st: Small in Number

1. Prv 14:28 *dearth of people* - Jesus is *King* & we are His *people*
 - i. Mat 18:20 *where two or three have gathered*
 - ii. Church grew numerically in Acts - A9:31; A12:24. Word of God is a Character in the story of Acts.
 - iii. Yet, Paul does not use numbers as a metric in epistles: instructive.
2. Is Word of God here? Isa 55:11

2nd: Strategically Significant

1. Military metaphor - Revelation as manual for battle.
2. The Battle of the Scheldt - Oct 1944. Immense movements of armies & significant deeds of small groups & individuals.
3. Gideon - Jdg 7:1-8; 1Sam 14:6
4. 1C 1:26-29 *not many* - God *nullifies* opposition: 2C 10:3-5

3rd: Serving Our Lord and Savior

1. Mat 18:20 *there I am*. Church as temple - worship in heaven - Rv 1:12-16, 20 King on throne & in midst of Church - *Lo, I am with you* [Mt 28:20]
2. The 7 churches - how big were their congregations?
3. Why our concern for doctrinal & ethical integrity? for worship? for prayer? edifying speech? for exercise of gifts, service, missions? B/c Jesus is here.
4. Observe the Lord's Table *in remembrance of ME*