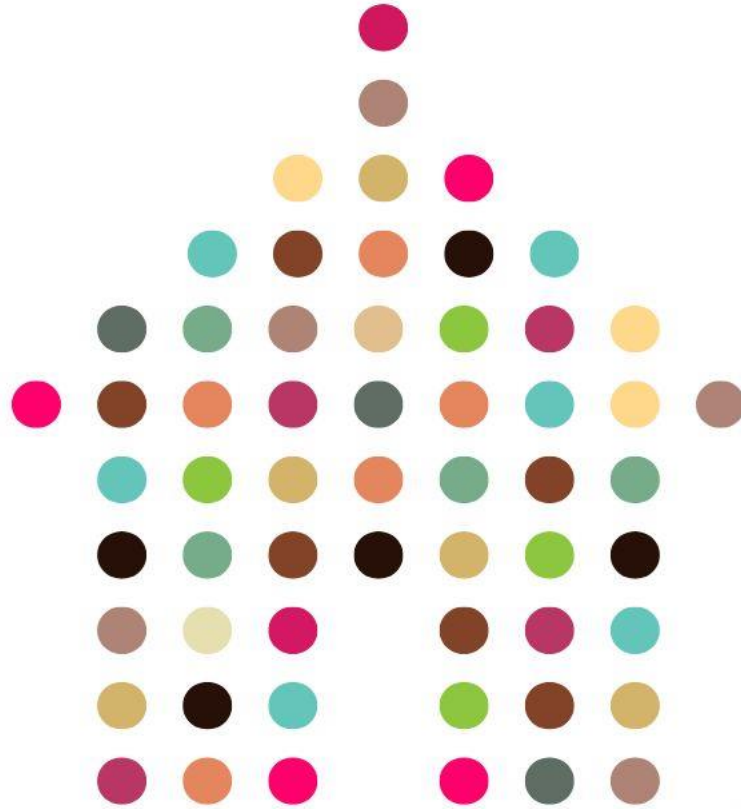
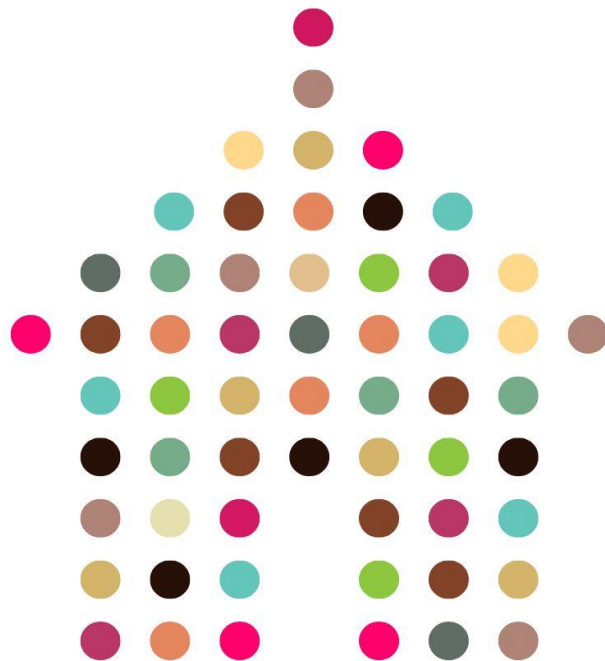




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The church is the place where this new cosmic reality is supposed to be visible. The church isn't an escape pod from the world; it is the temple of the new creation. *N.T. Wright*

The church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way... while Jesus fills the universe as God, He chooses to consider Himself "incomplete" without His people. The King (Jesus) chooses to need His body. *Tim Keller*



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Invitation

What do you believe about these statements?

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