

# EMERGING CHURCH STUDY TOUR

*An Onsite Study of the Essential Marks of the Emergent  
Church of the First Century*

**March 20-April 4, 2009**

*led by John Johnson, Kurt Thielen, Ken Wilmot*



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# Turkey Tour Itinerary

March 20 **Depart Los Angeles or Portland**

March 21 **Arrive Adana - Antioch**



Arrive Istanbul Airport. Our representative will meet you at Istanbul airport after the passport control and baggage claim with a "EMERGING CHURCH TOUR" sign. You will walk to the domestic airport and check-in to your Turkish Airlines domestic flight to Adana. Arrive Adana Airport and drive to **Antioch**. Before dinner, a "Welcome Briefing" will be presented by your English speaking guide, who will accompany you throughout the entire tour. (D)

March 22 **Emergence**



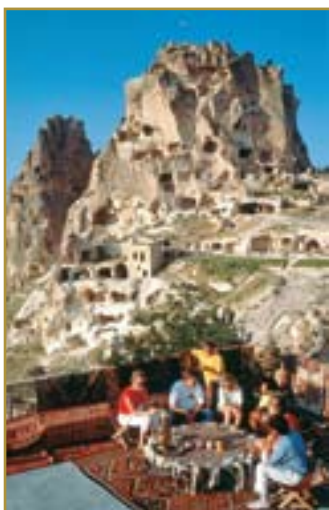
We begin in **Antioch**, where believers were first called Christians. **Antioch** served as the commissioning of early church planters, the likes of Paul and Barnabas. We will explore what was once the third largest city of the Roman Empire, viewing the **Antioch** port where Paul and others launched their missional journeys, and consider our own calling to serve God.

March 23 **Leadership**

From **Antioch**, we head for Tarsus, birthplace of Paul, the formidable leader of the early church. We will stand on site of Paul's beginnings and consider those attributes that made Paul the leader he was, and the leadership still necessary for the church today. We continue on to **Cappadocia**, one of the most unusual landscapes in the world.

March 24 **Persecution, Community, And Early Monasticism**

We will spend time exploring caves in



**Cappadocia**, where the early church carved out places of refuge and worship. Thousands of churches were established, simple in cave settings, yet elaborately decorated with frescoes. We will explore the incredible belonging that set these believing communities apart. We will visit Goreme Open Air Museum with rock churches, underground city, natural city of Uchisar, and the monastic Zeve Valley, where we will discover what attracted early believers to monastic lifestyles.



March 25 **Culture**

We head for **Perga**, one of the chief cities of **Pamphylia**, a city visited twice Paul. On to **Aspendos**, site of a Roman amphitheatre, one of the best preserved in the world. We will look at cultural life in the first and second centuries, and then head for Antalya near the turquoise coast, known once as "heaven on earth".

March 26 **Missional Strategy**

Drive to **Psidian Antioch**, and retrace Paul's footsteps, examining Paul's strategy and message as he came to each city. We will hear afresh Paul's powerful sermon and look at the consequences. We then head for **Colossae** to view the geographical backdrop of one of Paul's most important letters, looking at the Hellenistic-Jewish-Roman elements that confronted the emerging church. Dinner and overnight in Pamukkale.

March 27 **Warning**

After surveying extensive ruins in Hierapolis, as well as seeing the most amazing formation of stalactites in **Pamukkale** (Cotton Castle), we will visit Laodicea, one of the seven churches of Revelation. For all of its expansion, the early church was in danger of becoming irrelevant. Here we will ponder God's challenge to the church, one that continues to this day. We then head for **Aphrodisias**, another amazing site, where one will see an ancient stadium, the Odeon, the theatre, and the agora. On to Kusadasi for an overnight.

March 28 **Discipleship**

Here we view one of the highlights of the tour, the ancient city of **Ephesus**. We will look at early architecture, the challenges confronting Paul, and the message he brought to a city where he gave his greatest efforts to preparing the next generation of disciples. We will visit an archeological museum, survey one of the world's seven wonders-the temple of Diana, and close the day at the site of the Basilica of St John.

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## March 29 **Revelation**

We take a boat ride to the island of **Patmos**, where the apostle John was banished, and where he received The Revelation from God. We will read excerpts and consider the role of prophesy both then and today. Return to Kusadasi.

## March 30 **Martyrdom**

The early church was not without its martyrs, one of the most famous being Polycarp, bishop of **Smyrna**. He symbolized the church's challenge to pagan culture and the price one must pay to stand firm for Jesus. We will visit the setting where he lived and talk about the role of martyrdom and the need to die daily. On to **Sardis**, capital of ancient Lydia. After a visit to another of the seven churches of Revelation, Philadelphia, we delight in the ancient bazaar of Izmir.

## March 31 **Conflict and Healing**

We head for another of the ancient churches, **Pergamum**, where we will explore and walk in one of the most impressive theatres built in ancient times, one set on a hill seating nearly 10,000. Nearby is



the altar of Zeus, symbol of the devil's animosity towards the early church. We will visit the Asclepion, the ancient hospital, and explore how the ancient world, and the church, viewed healing.

## April 1 **Heresy and Truth**

We drive to ancient **Nicea**, site of early church councils and early church fathers. We will look at some of the ancient heresies aimed at corrupting the early church (and still persist to this day), and how these early fathers confronted them. We then travel on to Istanbul.



## April 2 **Early Christianity Established**

We spend two days in Istanbul, ancient **Constantinople**, tracing early Christianity's rise to legitimacy and influence. We will visit a number of sites, including Hippodrome Square, St Sophia's church, as well as an archeological museum.

## April 3 **Early Christianity Threatened**

We visit St. Chora church, walking the Galata tower in the old Pera district on the way to Taksim Square. We will visit the Patriarchate, take in a harbor tour where we will stand at the crossroads of Europe and Asia, talking about the effects of the Crusades, as well as the Ottoman Empire, and then close with shopping at the Grand Bazaar and a final dinner.

## April 04 **Istanbul - End**

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Istanbul Ataturk Airport for your flight back to Los Angeles or Portland. (B)

**Land and Air Tour: \$3,499 per person**

**Single Room Supplement: \$360**

### TOUR FEATURES

- International roundtrip flights between Portland and Istanbul
- Istanbul-Adana Domestic Flight on Day 2
- 14 nights hotel accommodation at 3-4 star hotels
- Sightseeing as per the itinerary
- Daily breakfast and dinners at hotels
- 12 Lunches at local restaurants
- Farewell Dinner at outdoor restaurant in Istanbul on Day 15
- Transportation by private A/C bus throughout the tour
- English speaking, Bible-oriented, professional tour guide throughout the tour
- All Entry fees to the sites & museums
- Private Patmos Tour by Private Boat
- Guided tour, Private Bus and Guide in Patmos (no lunch in Patmos)
- Tips to the hotel and restaurant staff
- Service charges & local taxes

### EXCLUDING

- Drinks
- All personal expenses
- Turkish Visa Fee (\$20 per person for US citizens to be obtained upon arrival)
- Tips to the tour guide and driver



The Total Cost of the Land and Air Tour: \$3,499 (subject to airfare changes)  
 Single Room Supplement \$360

### LAND TOUR PAYMENT PROCEDURE

**1. \$100 per person Deposit for the airline, October 1, 2008:**

This is a refundable deposit. No LAND pre-payment is requested at this stage.

**2. Full Payment : 60 days prior to departure (January 5, 2009)**

We need the final Rooming and Name list. The full payment (BALANCE) must be wired to our below bank account;



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