

We Are the Church

Small Group Handout • October 4, 2026 • Church and Community

Read together Matthew 16:13–20 and Luke 5:1–11

Key verse “Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18 (KJV)

Jesus calls ordinary people to follow Him and builds them together into His church. We belong to Him, to one another, and to His mission in the world.

Discuss Together

1. When you hear the word “church,” what first comes to mind? How do these passages deepen your understanding of who the church is?
2. In Luke 5, Peter obeyed Jesus after an unsuccessful night of fishing. Where is Jesus asking you to trust His word even when obedience feels difficult?
3. The fishermen left an extraordinary catch to follow Jesus. What might compete with your willingness to follow Him fully?
4. Jesus said, “I will build my church.” What does Peter’s confession about Jesus teach us about the church’s foundation and confidence?
5. What is one practical way you can be a faithful, active part of our local church this week and help someone else encounter Jesus?

Take a Step

This week I will: _____

Pray Together

Ask God to help us love His church, serve one another faithfully, and share the gospel with people around us.