

DISCUSSION GUIDE

WHAT IS CHURCH?

INTO THE BIBLE

Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:16-18 NIV

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:44-47 NLT

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24-25 NIV

Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?

1 Corinthians 12:15-17 NIV

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27 NIV

SERMON TAKEAWAYS

What Is Church?

- 1. The Church Is A Gathering** (Acts 2:44-47)
- 2. The Church Is On A Mission** (Matthew 28:18-20)
- 3. The Church Is A Body** (1 Corinthians 12:12-14)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What has been your experience with church? Did you grow up in church? If so, how did that shape your definition of church?*
- 2. After understanding that the Church is a gathering, how did that change your mindset or approach to the Church?*
- 3. What are some practical steps you can take to make sure that you are not just consuming but you are also contributing to what Jesus is building?*
- 4. What is one thing that you have been through in your life that you believe could help someone else in the future?*
- 5. What gifts and talents do you possess that you believe could be an asset to the Body of Christ?*

PRAYER FOCUS

Jesus already declared that He would build the Church. He wants you to be a part! Pray and ask God to show you where you can serve the body.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MISSIONS INTEREST NIGHT - April 15th @ 6:30pm

Do you have a passion and heart for missions? If you would like to learn more about Rescue House Missions or share your experience, we would love for you to join us! If you have any questions or would like more information, please email Ryan Cooke at rckceclc@triad.rr.com

THE WEEKENDER - April 23-25th

If you haven't attended The Weekender yet, what are you waiting for? At The Weekender we will share with you all our church has to offer to help you know God, find freedom and embrace your purpose! This is a FREE event but space is limited so reserve your spot online or the app today.