

UPCOMING EVENTS:

DISCOVER WESTBRIDGE - AUGUST 14TH

This one hour class walks through WHY we do WHAT we do the WAY we do it. Learn more about how you can be a part of Westbridge!

NEW SERVICE TIMES

Our Fall Schedule kicks off on September 4th:

Thursdays: 7:00pm

Sundays: 8:00am | 9:30am | 11:00am



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



MESSAGE NOTES

Stop Going To Church // Week 1

Stop going to church... start BEING the church!

*"You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." **Matthew 16:16***

*"...and upon this rock I will build my church, and not even death will be able to overcome it." **Matthew 16:18***

*In my first book I told you, Theophilus, about everything Jesus began to do and teach until the day he was taken up to heaven after giving his chosen apostles further instructions through the Holy Spirit. **Acts 1:1-2***

*During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. **Acts 1:3***

*And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere - in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." After saying this, he was taken up into a cloud while they were watching, and they could no longer see him. As they strained to see him rising into heaven, two white-robed men suddenly stood among them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday, he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!" **Acts 1:8-11***

Key Question: "Why are you STANDING here staring...?"

Make a shift from CONSUMER to CONTRIBUTOR.

4 ways BE the church:

1. Extend a specific INVITATION.

2. Participate in a LIFE GROUP.

3. Say yes to a SERVING TEAM.

4. Practice consistent GENEROSITY.

*The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. **John 1:5***

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

1

WARM UP

1. What's something you've attended, but didn't really feel like you were a part of (a club, gym, class, etc.)? What kept you from engaging more?

2. Growing up, what was your idea of "church"? Was it a building, an event, a tradition... or something else?

2

KNOW IT

1. Read **Matthew 16:16-18**. Why is Peter's declaration so important to the foundation of the Church? What does it tell us about who the Church is built around?

2. Jesus used the word *ekklesia*, meaning "gathering" or "assembly". How does this challenge the way most people think about "church"?

3. Read **Acts 1:8-11**. What stands out to you about Jesus' final words and the angel's question, "*Why are you standing here staring...?*" What does this reveal about the tendency toward passivity in faith?

4. This weekend's talk said that we are not *CREATING* something, we are *CONTINUING* something. How does viewing the church as a movement impact the way we live out our faith?

3

SHARE IT

1. In what ways do you sometimes think of church as *THEY* instead of *WE*? What's the difference in how that mindset plays out in our words and actions?

2. Can you identify a time when you shifted from being a "consumer" of church to a "contributor"? What changed for you?

3. Think of someone who influenced your faith by "being the church" to you. What did they do, and how did it impact you?

4

LIVE IT

1. Of the four ways to BE the church, which one feels like your next step - and why?

Extend a specific invitation
Say yes to a serving team

Participate in a Life Group
Practice consistent generosity

2. The next 12 months could be your most spiritually significant yet. What would you hope to see God do in and through you over the next year?

3. Is there a place where you've been "sitting and staring" when God is calling you to start moving? What's one way you could take action this week?