

Shattered

what God is doing to the Church

This Week's Message:

God's View of the Church

Passage: Acts 2:41-47

Key Takeaways: God's View of the Church

(1) The Bride of Christ - *Ephesians 5:25-29; II Corinthians 11:2-4; Revelations 19:7-9; 21:1-4*

He has chosen us for engagement, and we are to prepare for His return.

(2) The Building of Christ - *Matthew 16:13-20; I Peter 2:5-8; I Corinthians 3:16-18*

We measure ourselves off of the standard of Jesus Christ. Everything we do is built upon Him as the Chief Cornerstone.

(3) The Body of Christ - *Ephesians 1:18; 4:15-16; Colossians 1:15-20; I Peter 4:7-11*

We are His body - connected, growing, and alive. We are called to be His hands and feet bringing Christ's love to those in need.

(4) The Family of God - *I John 3:1-2; Mark 3:31; Romans 12:10-11; Galatians 3:28*

He has adopted us into His family. Our value lies in the assured reality that we are His children. If we have trusted Christ, our membership in God's family is the truest thing about us.

Questions to Think On & Discuss:

(1) Out of these four descriptions of the church, which one do you most struggle to grasp? Why do you think that is?

(2) Consider the ways you think about yourself on a regular basis. Do your thought patterns line up with what God has say is true about you or lies you have believed?

(3) Take one of God's views of the church, and apply it to yourself. Make the statement personal. What is God saying to and about you as a member of His Church?

This Week's Challenge

Try to identify one lie you have believed in your life. Write that lie out on a piece of paper, and then compare it to these four truths. Make notes, and notice where the lie begins to break down in the light of how God actually views us - His Church.