

**NOTES “The Church God Wants in 2022  
Compelled Church, January 2, 2022**

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**What is the church?**

**Matthew 16:13-20**

**I. Be a Church that is knowing God** (Relationship, intimacy, 2-way)

- a. Slows down to be with Jesus
- b. In Prayer Speaking and listening to God.
- c. In Word

**II. The church is our faith community**

- a. The Spiritual Hospital-To help heal and deliver others (ILL-Lee Strobel)

*““The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”” (Luke 4:18–19, NIV)*

- b. Spiritual Fathering- a core value, is mentoring and raising up spiritual leaders.
- c. Be involved in Ministry Ephesians 4:11- (Leadership, //connect, serve, be available)

**III. WE must be a FREE Church**

- a. Free from Religion Man’s rules kill the Holy Spirit’s Reign. Religion is control
- b. Free to Worship Pride hinders---worship everywhere-- live a life of worship

*“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”” (John 4:23–24, NIV)*

- c. Free from Sin We will never reach our potential with sin.
- d. Free to Minister Will you free up some time in our life?  
Our Ephesians 4.11-13 model, we will talk more about that in a few weeks.

**IV. We must value, the priorities of God**

- a. To Be with Jesus
- b. To grow in maturity and love for each other.
- c. To have healthy relationship and to reconcile broken ones biblically
- d. To love those that don’t know Jesus yet

How will you be “The Church” in a greater way this year?