

Get Involved with Us as We Pursue **Excellence**, **Value ALL People**, **Fuel and Display Passion**,
Choose a Good **Attitude** at ALL Times

Deep Dive – Building His Church

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Scriptures TPT

Proverbs 3:9–10 -Ephesians 4:11–13 - Ephesians 1:22–23

Matthew 16:15–18 - Matthew 1:23 - 2 Corinthians 5:17–19

John 20:21- Matthew 18:1–6 - Matthew 19:13–14 - Ephesians 5:25

Last week's call to action from *Negative Thinking* was:

“Identify ONE of the Five C's that shows up most often in your thinking. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you reduce that pattern — not by trying harder, but by replacing it with truth, gratitude, and the mind of Christ.”

How did it go for you this week? What did you notice as you tried to reduce that negative pattern?

Discussion Questions

1. Called to Mature Saints

Ephesians 4:11–13 (TPT) The sermon emphasizes that pastors are called to **perfect and mature saints** so they can do the work of ministry. **What does spiritual maturity look like in the life of a believer?** How have you seen God maturing you recently?

2. Building Christ's Life in Us

Ephesians 1:22–23 Pastor said: “*My job is not to show you how to live a Christian life — but how to let Christ live in you and through you.*” **What is the difference between trying to live for Christ and letting Christ live through you?**

3. “I Will Build My Church”

Matthew 16:15–18 (TPT) Jesus said **He** will build His Church. **How does remembering that the Church belongs to Christ change the way we serve, lead, and participate?**

4. Releasing People to Minister

Ephesians 4:11–13 The sermon said: “*Ministry is serving people.*” **Where do you sense God prompting you to step out and serve others more intentionally?**

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5. Bringing God to People — The Emmanuel Principle

Matthew 1:23 Jesus didn't wait for people to come to God — He brought God to people. **How can we practice “God with us” in our daily interactions?** What does it look like to bring God to people where they already are?

6. God Reaches Out Through Us

2 Corinthians 5:17–19 (TPT); John 20:21 We are ambassadors — carriers of His presence. **What opportunities has God given you recently to bring His presence, love, or wisdom to someone?**

7. Is Jesus Real in Us?

The sermon asked: *“Is Jesus a real person in our lives? Others shouldn't be around us long before they realize that.”* **What does it look like when Jesus is truly visible in someone's life?**

8. Loving and Valuing Children

Matthew 18:1–6; Matthew 19:13–14 (TPT) Jesus placed tremendous value on children. **How does valuing children shape the culture of a home or a church?** Where can we grow in demonstrating that value?

9. Love, Acceptance, and Forgiveness

Ephesians 5:25 The sermon said the environment of the Church and home should be **love, acceptance, and forgiveness**. **Which of these three is easiest for you — and which is hardest? Why?**

10. Agape — A Giving Love

Ephesians 5:25 Agape is always a giving love — it gives first, gives freely, and gives without condition. **Where is God inviting you to express agape love more intentionally this week?**

Closing Call to Action

This week, practice “building His Church” by bringing God to one person where they are. Serve them, encourage them, or meet a need — not to get them to a place, but to bring Christ to them through your presence, love, and obedience. Let someone experience Jesus through you.