

Matthew 16:18 (NLT)

“... upon this rock I will build (**assemble**) my church (**called out ones**), and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven.”

Acts of the Apostles 2:41-47 NLT.

“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. 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.”

Ten Biblical Distinctives of the Church

1. Elders **Govern** and **Care** for the People.
 - Acts 6 & 14
2. The Bible = Our **Handbook** for Life.
 - Psalm 119:105 & 2 Timothy 3:16-17
3. Lord’s Supper = **Believer’s** Communion.
 - Matthew 26:26-29 & 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
4. **Authentic** Worship = Song, Service, Sacrifice.
 - Psalm 33:3, Psalm 98:1, Matthew 26:29, Ephesians 5:19 & Colossians 3:16
5. Gratitude = **Sacrificial** Generosity.
 - Acts 2, 4 & 2 Corinthians 9:6-12
6. We are a Church **Without** Walls.
 - Genesis 15:1-6, Mark 16:15, Acts 2:17,21 & Revelation 1:7
7. The Church is not just a Teaching Center – It’s a **Training** Center.
 - Ephesians 4:11-13
8. Life Change **Happens** in Small Groups.
 - Acts 2 & 4
9. Baptism – Outward Demonstration of an **Inward Transformation.**
 - Acts 16:29-34, Romans 6 & Colossians 3
10. **Fellowship** = We Do Life Together.
 - Acts 2:41-47

