

**SERMON SERIES:** 52

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## Sermon Title:

“A Vision For EveryONE”

## Introduction

This week we stepped into our new series, For EveryONE. As we walk through this six week series, we are taking the opportunity to see what the mission of the Church of Jesus truly is. Ultimately, when we ask ourselves “who is invited into Jesus Church?” we get to confidently say that everyone is invited, and this gives us confidence in the future of the Church.

- Can you share a specific moment or experience in your life where you felt the impact of Jesus' Church, either in a personal or communal way? How did it shape your perspective on the Church's role in our lives?

## Seek the Word

- Read Matthew 16:13-18. Jesus declares that He will build His church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it. How does this promise from Jesus inspire hope and confidence in you for the future of the Church?
- Read Luke 7:36-50. We see Jesus showing extravagant love and grace to a woman with a sinful past. How does this story illustrate the inclusivity and transformative power of Jesus' love within the Church?

## Go Deeper

In both Matthew 16:13-18 and Luke 7:36-50, we witness the transformative power of Jesus' love and His vision for the Church. How can we actively participate in building a church community that mirrors this vision? What practical steps can we take to ensure our church is a place of inclusivity, grace, and transformation for all who seek Jesus?

## Talk About It

- In what practical ways can we support and participate in the mission of the Church, both within our local community and on a broader scale?
- How can we individually contribute to building a church community that reflects Jesus' vision, especially in terms of inclusivity and grace?
- Think about someone in your life who may be feeling distant from the Church or struggling in their faith journey. How can we reach out and show them the love of Jesus?

## Wrap Up

*Reminder:* Jesus has one mission, and so does his Church.

*Challenge:* This week, take some time to pray over your One life and how you might be led to invite them into Jesus' community. If you do not have a One life, take some time to pray that God will reveal someone in your life that needs to experience the love and grace of Jesus.