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¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. Matthew 16:13-18 (NIV)

Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. ⁴² 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.

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Acts 2:41-47 (NLT)

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We are aligned to God's will

when we are _____ Christ

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4. The church is a community who _____

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We are aligned to God's will

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