



“I will build my church”

Week 5: I Will Build My Church – The Gates Will Fall

DISCOVER (PRE-WORK)

Before and while you read these passages ask the Spirit of God to illuminate your heart and mind and bring conviction and clarity of his truth for your life. Take some time during your own personal study to process through these four key questions:

1. Who is God (what does this passage tell me about God’s character)?
2. What has God done (how do I see God’s character in action here)?
3. Who am I (how does God’s character and action shape how I see myself)?
4. What do I do (if I believe 1-3 how would I respond and relate to others)?

Scripture: Matthew 16:13-18

QUESTION: What did you DISCOVER during your study?

NURTURE

Confess out loud to one another areas of personal struggle or unbelief that the Spirit revealed during your personal study.

In light of this week’s sermon, consider these questions together:

1. In Matthew 16, Jesus tells Peter, “I will build my church”. When you see this statement from Jesus, what first enters your mind?
2. What is the church? Why does Jesus think it’s important to build his church?
3. Have there been times when you put pressure on yourself to build his church? Why do you think we sometimes operate this way?
4. In the sermon there are examples from Scripture of how God builds his church through different types of broken people like Lydia and the jailer. Do you have similar stories you could tell that display God’s power in building his church? How does this affect your view of God’s role in saving people? (Acts 16:11-34)
5. Jesus makes it clear that he will be the one to build his church. How does this affect your view of healthy church growth?

6. What role do we play in Jesus' promise to build his church? (Romans 10:14-17)
7. Jesus says the church belongs to him. What are the implications of this not being our church, but his? What should a church who belongs fully to Jesus look like? (Matthew 16:24-25)

QUESTION: How will you REPENT and BELIEVE the gospel (What will you begin to do to START LIVING LIKE YOU ACTUALLY BELIEVE THAT THIS GOSPEL IS TRUE)?

ACT

In light of your time together, what steps will you take to act as a missional community on your new discoveries and affirmed beliefs?

1. How can we as a Missional Community encourage each other to trust in Jesus to build his church?
2. Ideally, how should Missional Community participate in building Christ's church? In what ways are we falling short of that?
3. How can we hold each other accountable to striving for this kind of Missional Community?

QUESTION: What will you Do and who will you TELL about what God has done?