



The Big Idea

Jesus didn't just promise to build His Church, He gave us the blueprint for how it should be built. The Church is a spiritual family built on Jesus, equipped by godly leaders, and strengthened as every person embraces their part. This week, we covered that we aren't just consumers watching the Church get built; we are living stones being built together into something God wants to use.



Things to Remember

"The church we see is the church Jesus promised to build, and we are being built up together in it."



Next Steps

This week, ask yourself: Am I watching the Church get built, or am I helping build it? Identify one area where you can move from consuming to contributing. If you aren't currently serving, take a step toward joining a team. If you are already serving, look for an opportunity to be intentional and go out of your way to pursue operational excellence more in that area. Most importantly, keep building your own life on Jesus and His Word so that everything you contribute flows out of your relationship with Him!



Icebreakers

1. If you could instantly become really skilled at building or fixing one thing, what would you choose?
2. What's something you've tried to assemble without reading the instructions first? How did it go?



Discussion Questions

1. Read Matthew 16:13–18. Jesus moves the conversation from "Who do people say I am?" to "Who do YOU say I am?" Why does Jesus make that question personal before talking about building His Church? How does what we believe about Jesus affect the way we approach church, serving, and discipleship?
2. Read Ephesians 4:11–13. Paul says church leaders are given to "equip God's people to do his work." What is the difference between viewing pastors as people who do ministry for us and viewing them as people who equip us for ministry? Where are you personally tempted to consume church instead of helping build it?
3. Read Ephesians 4:16 and Romans 12:4–5. Paul says the body becomes healthy when "each part does its own special work." What did we learn happens to a church when people begin to believe their contribution isn't important? What might it look like practically for you to more fully embrace your part in the family? Make a "next step" for yourself!
4. Read 1 Peter 2:4–5. Peter describes believers as "living stones" being built together into God's house. What stands out to you about that picture? In what ways is God currently growing, stretching, or repositioning you so you can better serve the Body of Christ?



Closing Prayer

Jesus, thank You for building Your Church and giving each of us a place in Your family. Help us build our lives on You and willingly embrace the part You have given us to play. Equip us, grow us, and teach us to serve one another so that Your Church becomes healthy, mature, and full of love. Amen.

Prayer Requests

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