

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Growth Group Lesson

Read Matt. 16:13-20

What are some of your observations?

What did God say to you as you listened to the message?

How would your life be different without the church? Can you be a follower of Jesus and not be a part of a body of believers?

1. THE PROCLAMATION OF THE CHURCH VS 13-17

Vs 13 why did Jesus take his disciples to Caesarea Philippi to announce his proclamation to build His church? Why not Jerusalem?

Why is it important to believe that Jesus is the Son of God and the Son of Man?

Share your testimony: when did you tell Jesus that you believe in who he says he is?

2. THE PROMISE FOR THE CHURCH VS 18

Read: 1 Sam. 2:2; Ps. 18:31

How is God described? Why is this important related to vs 18?

Whose church is it? Who is building it? What is our part? What are ways we forget that truth? Read: Eph. 19-20; 1 Cor. 3:11

Why should we always remember that the church will never be destroyed by Hades?

3. THE POWER OF THE CHURCH VS 19-20

Well known speaker and theologian, Allistair Begg, says of the church, “we don’t need a church that will move WITH the world, we need a church that will MOVE the world.”

How can we do that in a culture so opposed to what the church is?

What does Jesus mean when he gives the keys to the disciples?

Read John 20:23

What stood out to you as Stu was describing our churches journey?