

Built on the Rock

Jesus's Daring Plan to Reach the World

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Called by Jesus

Matthew 16:18, Ephesians 2

Introduction: What did Jesus have in mind when he used the word “church” to describe us? Why use that particular word?

A “Church” in Secular Greek was... (Acts 19:32)

- Any formal assembly of people called together to accomplish some political purpose.

The “Church” to Jesus is... (Matthew 16:18-19)

- The gathered _____ of His followers, _____ to accomplish specific purposes.

We have been Called by Jesus...

- Out of _____ into _____. (Ephesians 2:1-7, 11-16, 1 Peter 2:9)
- Into His _____. (Ephesians 2:19, 1 Peter 2:9b, 1 Cor. 1:9)
- To _____ with His other _____. (Ephesians 2:20-21)
- To _____ God’s _____ to the world.

Conclusion: You have been called by Jesus into fellowship with Him and His children. Will you answer that call today?

Week 2 Plan to “Make It Stick”

Monday:

- Reflect on your experiences with “Church” in your lifetime. Have they been positive or negative? How have your experiences caused YOU to define “church”? How does your definition match with Scripture?

Tuesday: What have you been called to? (Part 1)

- Go to www.biblegateway.com (or use a traditional paper concordance) and type the word “called” in the search box and hit “enter.” On the right-hand side of your screen, you will see the total occurrences of “called” in each book of the Bible. Skip down to the occurrences starting with the book of Romans. Click on each book of the Bible from Romans through 1 Thessalonians. Make a list of all the things that the NT tells you that God has called you to.

Wednesday: What have you been called to? (Part 2)

- Repeat the steps in Tuesday’s project, this time clicking on each book of the Bible from 2 Thessalonians to Revelation. Add to the list you began yesterday.

Thursday:

- Review your list compiled on Tuesday and Wednesday.

*Were there any things repeated in multiple places? Circle these things with a different color ink (I recommend red or blue). Why do you suppose those were repeated?

*Were there any specific things that God or Jesus has called us to BE? What does this tell us about how God sees us?

*Were there any “callings” that surprised you? Why did they surprise you, do you think?

*Which “calling” provided you the most encouragement or comfort? Why did that particular “calling” hit so close to home?

Friday:

- Look closely at Ephesians 4:1 & 1 Thessalonians 2:12. What do you think it means to “walk worthy of the calling with which we have been called?”

- Look closely at 2 Thessalonians 1:11. Does this give you hope? Why?