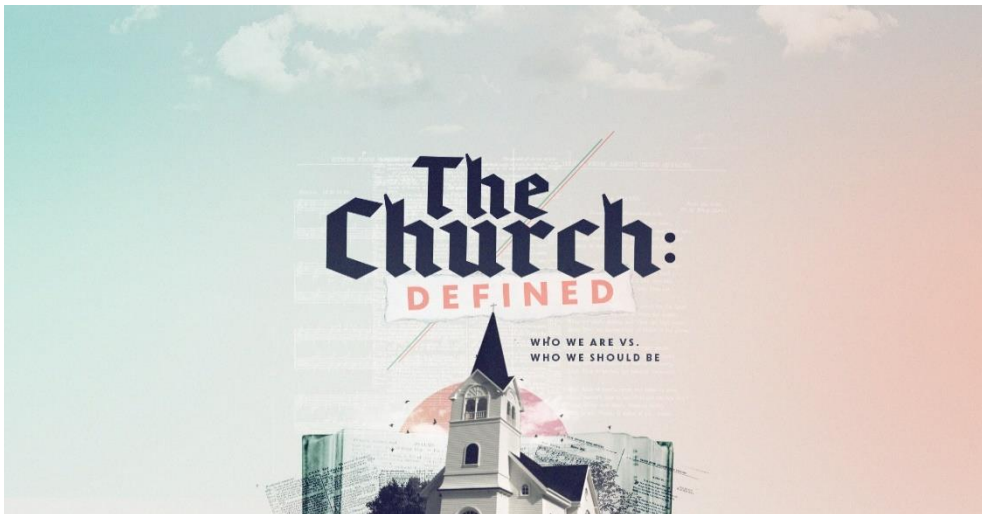


Discovery Service Order and Message Outline



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The Church Defined ~1  
What is the church?  
Matthew 16:13-20

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of church?

1. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

e'kkhlsi÷a means \_\_\_\_\_.

kirche means \_\_\_\_\_.



*"If God spares my life, ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost."* William Tyndale

*'Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. 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 16:17-18 NIV

2. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

*'So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"'* Acts 1:6 NIV

*'He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."* Acts 1:7-8 NIV

### 3. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him."* Acts 2:22-24 NIV

*'God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.'*  
Acts 2:32 NIV

*'Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.'*  
Acts 2:33 NIV

*"Therefore let all of Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ." When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and they said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"* Acts 2:36-37 NIV

*'Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."*  
Acts 2:38-39 NIV

*'Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.'* Acts 2:41 NIV



#### SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of church?
2. When we think of church, why is a building the first thing that comes to mind?
3. What were your first/early experiences of attending church? Were those positive or negative experiences in your faith journey?
4. Read Matthew 16:17-18. In your words, how do you define church? What is the mission of the church?
5. After reading the first two chapters in Acts, what is the thing that sticks out to you the most about church that first day?
6. Read Acts 2:38-39. Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. That he died on the cross for our sins, he rose on the third day. In what ways can we complicate this simple message? How might we do better in communicating this life changing message?
7. If the church began as a movement, how do you see the church moving today?
8. If the church began as a movement, what can you do to be a part of that movement?



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