

Kickoff question

What is an exciting building project that you have been a part of?

Introduction

There are some who say, "I don't need to be part of a church. All I need is Jesus." Well, they're right and wrong at the same time. Jesus had some very clear teachings about the church among which are 4 things we can learn about the church of Jesus. Let's explore what Jesus taught about His church.

Reflect on the following questions

- 1) Read Matthew 16:13–18. Why do you think Jesus initiated this conversation with His disciples?
- 2) Read Matthew 7:15 and Acts 20:29, 30. Why do you think Jesus established a church that He called "My church"?
- 3) Read Acts 2:36–47. What are some things we can learn from this passage about what Jesus wants for His church today?
- 4) What do the following passages say about Jesus?
 - a. Psalm 95:1
 - b. 1 Corinthians 10:3, 4
 - c. 1 Peter 2:4–8
- 5) Read Revelation 12:7–11. What are some ways that Satan has attacked the church that Jesus calls "My church"?

Life application question

How can you know with certainty that you are part of the church that Jesus calls "My church"?

"Lord Jesus, I choose to be part of Your church. Please show me how to invite others to become a part of the church that You are building."