



Part 1: Why Church?

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There are many God stories in this room.
But that's not *why* we're here.

Q. Why are we here?

A. Because Jesus made a promise.

Matthew 16:13-18

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, 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.*

Q. How has Jesus called us to live?

John 13:34-35 (ESV)

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

A. Love like Jesus.

Q. What's our mission?

Matthew 28:18-20

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

A. Go make more disciples.

Two Questions

- 1) If CTK were to disappear from our community, what would the effect be?
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Small Group Questions

- 1) Do you have a God story that has made a significant impact in your life - whether it's your own story or someone else's? Tell us about it.
- 2) Why do you think the Christian Church has survived the centuries?
- 3) If CTK were to shut down, what effect do you think it would have? How has this church (the people, not the building) impacted you or others?
- 4) If you were no longer part of CTK, what would the impact be on the church? Be gracious with yourself but honest as you answer this question. This is also a great opportunity to honor others in your group who have made a difference in your life.
- 5) How can we pray for you right now?

OUR MISSION | To create an authentic Christian community that effectively reaches out to unchurched people in love, acceptance and forgiveness so that they may experience the joy of salvation and a purposeful life of discipleship.