

Strategic Church Planting
Text: Matthew 16:13-20
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Big Idea: Nothing can stop the building of the church because it is Jesus who is building the Church.

a) What does “building the church” really mean? What does it look like?

b) How does Jesus’ promise to build His church, give you hope as our culture increasingly opposes it?

How does Jesus build His Church?

Truth 1: Jesus Builds His Church Through Faith, Matthew 16:13-17

a) Find scriptures that embolden your faith in Jesus Christ. How do these increase your faith?

b) Truth: Only God can give you the ability to truly see who Jesus is and place your faith in Him. What tools has God given us that help us build our faith in Him? Which one(s) do you need to grow in?

Truth 2: Jesus Builds His Church Through Endurance, Matthew 16:18

a) As believers, how is it possible to reconcile Jesus saying “the gates of Hell will not prevail against it [the Church]”, when believers are falling away, churches are watering down the Gospel, there is increasing division among the Church, and many church doors are closing?

b) How aware are you on a day-to-day basis of the spiritual battle going on around you? What are some promises we have been given to help fight the battle through the Gospel?

Truth 3: Jesus Builds His Church Through His Message, Matthew 16:19

a) Is sharing the message of the Gospel a priority in your life? Why or why not? What is the next step you can take to make it a greater priority?

b) Spend time praying as a group for Jesus to build His Church through the Gospel, and for us to be courageous in our proclamation of it.

Memory Verse:

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Matthew 16:18b