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**THE JESUS-CENTERED LIFE
MY RELATIONSHIP WITH HIS BRIDE
Matt. 16:17-18**

What is the church? Matt. 16:17-18

- Christ is the architect, originator, and **foundation** of the church. Matt. 16:18, 21; Rev. 1:16; 19:7-9; Eph. 5:25; 1 Cor. 3:11; 1 Pet. 2:4-8
- Christ is the **builder** of the church. Acts 2:37-41; 4:4; 5:14; 11:21, 24
- Christ built the church that continues on **today** and into the future. Acts 2:37-41; 4:4; 5:14; 11:21-24

What do we need from the church?

- A place to **belong**. Eph. 2:21-22; 4:16; Rom. 12:4-5; 1 Cor. 12:12-27
- A place to do **life** together. Matt. 18:20; Acts 2:41-47; 4:32-37; 1 Cor. 12:25; 1 Thess. 5:11-13, 15
- A place to encourage and **help** one another. Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25; Acts 2:41-47; 1 Thess. 5:11-13, 15

What does the church need from you?

- To be **serious** about our commitment to Him and His church. Matt. 16:18, 24-26; 20:20-28
- To recognize our spiritual **gifts** and then use them in His church. 1 Pet. 4:10; 1 Cor. 12:4-27; Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:11-16
- To be the church **within** our families and out in our community. Acts 1:8; Matt. 28:19-20; John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7; 3:18; John 1:14; Eph. 2:8-9; 4:32
- To be willing to **cultivate** the community of the church.

Authenticity. 1 John 1:7-8

Mutuality. 1 Cor. 12:25; Rom. 12:10; 12:4-5

Sympathy. Col. 3:12; Phil. 3:10; Heb. 10:33-34

Mercy. 2 Cor. 2:7; Col. 3:13

Honesty. Eph. 4:15; Prov. 24:26

Courtesy. Rom. 15:1-2

Humility. 1 Pet. 5:5; Rom. 12:16

Confidentiality. Prov. 16:28

Frequency. Heb. 10:25; Acts 2:46

Please turn your outline over