

RC2

THE CHURCH
EXPLORED

YOUTH SERIES

01. WHO ARE WE?

Understanding What Jesus Is Building

Jesus did not save us to live isolated spiritual lives.
He is building a gathered people—His church.



BIG IDEA

Jesus is building a gathered people—a covenant family and Kingdom community that worships, grows, serves, and follows Him together.

KEY SCRIPTURE

Matthew 16:18

Additional:
Acts 2:42–47
Ephesians 2:19–22
1 Peter 2:9–10

MEMORY VERSE

Matthew 16:18b

"I will build my church..."

MAIN QUESTION

What Is The Church Actually Supposed To Be?

ESTIMATED TIME

45 MINUTES

SESSION SNAPSHOT



OPENING ACTIVITY
10 min



TEACHING
15 min



DISCUSSION
15 min



CHALLENGE & CONNECTION
5 min



PRAYER
5 min

SESSION GOALS

By the end of this session, students should understand:

- The church is more than a building or event.
- Jesus Himself is building His church.
- Christianity is meant to be lived together.
- The church is a covenant people and Kingdom community.
- Worship, fellowship, truth, and mission belong together.
- This series will explore what biblical church life actually looks like.



OPENING ACTIVITY "WHAT COMES TO MIND?"

SUPPLIES:

Whiteboard or large paper, markers

1 ASK THE QUESTION (2 MIN)

Ask students: "When you hear the word 'church,' what comes to mind?"

Write answers on the board or paper.

2 POSSIBLE ANSWERS MAY INCLUDE:

*building • pastor • rules • music • boring • friends
youth group • livestream • religion • community
old people • worship • other ideas*

3 ASK THIS FOLLOW-UP (1 MIN)

"What if Jesus thinks about church differently than we do?"

Let that question hang for a moment.



4 TRANSITION TO TEACHING (1 MIN)

Say: "Today we're going to discover what the Bible says about the church—and why Jesus calls us to live His way, together."



LEADER TIP

Create a welcoming environment where students feel safe to share honestly. There are no wrong answers. Listen well and keep things positive.

YOUR ROLE

- ✓ Facilitate, don't lecture.
- ✓ Encourage participation.
- ✓ Listen with respect.
- ✓ Keep the conversation moving.
- ✓ Point everything back to Jesus.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- Whiteboard or large paper
- Markers
- Bible
- Your Leader Sheet

→ **NEXT:** We'll look at what the Bible says about Jesus building His church.