

01. WHO ARE WE?

Understanding What Jesus Is Building



CORE TEACHING

Teach the main ideas
clearly and simply.

1 JESUS IS BUILDING SOMETHING Matthew 16:18

Jesus said, "I will build my church." The church does not belong to culture, politics, traditions, personalities, or trends—it belongs to Christ. He builds it, sustains it, and defines it.

➤ **Emphasize:** The church is Christ's people gathered under His rule.

2 THE CHURCH IS A PEOPLE 1 Peter 2:9–10

We are not just Christians on our own; we are God's chosen people. The church is a family, a covenant community, and a Kingdom people with an identity and mission.

➤ **Emphasize:** You belong to something bigger than yourself.

3 CHRISTIANITY CANNOT BE LIVED ALONE Acts 2:42–47

The early church devoted themselves to Scripture, fellowship, prayer, worship, and serving one another. Following Jesus is personal—but never isolated.

➤ **Emphasize:** Faith was never meant to be lived in isolation.

4 JESUS FORMS HIS PEOPLE TOGETHER Ephesians 2:19–22

Through the church, believers grow, worship, learn, serve, and are strengthened. Together we become a visible picture of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

➤ **Emphasize:** The church helps us become who God created us to be.



REAL LIFE CONNECTION

Help students apply
truth to everyday life.

Many people today say, "I love Jesus, but I don't need church." But when we try to follow Jesus alone:

- our faith weakens.
- we miss encouragement and accountability.
- spectatorship replaces participation.
- online content cannot fully replace real relationships.



Jesus calls us into worship, fellowship, accountability, service, and shared Kingdom life. We were never meant to do this alone.



PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Father for calling us into His family through Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help us understand the beauty and purpose of the church and to grow in love for Christ's people.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Guide your group
to think deeper.

1 What do most teenagers think church is?

Follow-up: Where do those ideas come from?

2 Why do people often separate Jesus from church?

Follow-up: What messages do we hear in culture that lead to that?

3 What happens when Christians try to live completely alone?

Follow-up: How does isolation affect our faith?

4 Why do you think Jesus gathers believers together?

Follow-up: What does community help us do that we cannot do alone?

5 What kind of church do you think Jesus wants His people to become?

Follow-up: How can we be part of that?



DISCUSSION TIP: Listen more than you talk. Let students respond to each other. Keep pointing back to Scripture.



WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Put faith into
action this week.

Observe church differently this week. Ask yourself:

- ✓ What are people doing together?
- ✓ How does worship shape people?
- ✓ Where do I see encouragement or service?
- ✓ What makes church different from simply consuming content online?



Write down one thing you noticed that shows how Jesus is building His church.



LEADER NOTES

Tips to help you lead
with confidence.

- ✓ Focus on presenting Jesus' vision, not criticizing church experiences.
- ✓ Keep the conversation respectful and grace-filled.
- ✓ Watch for students who feel disconnected—welcome them.
- ✓ Point every discussion back to Scripture and to Christ.



You are making an eternal difference. Thank you for leading well!

2 CORINTHIANS 4:1