

Message Outline
CHURCH—Part 2
Mt. 16, Acts 2, Eph.1



Intro: Word of the Year unveil...CHURCH!

- CHURCH's positive influence on society...(cf. "How Christianity Changed the World" by Alvin Schmidt)
- **ἐκκλησία:** "called out ones"...(118x in NT)

The CHURCH's B _____

Read: Matthew 16:13-20

v.13-14—A retreat and question about Jesus' identity...

v.15-16—Peter's perfect response...

v.17-20—Reasons behind "the rock" and don't tell at this time...

- Peter's confession, not his person is the rock:
- What the Blueprints reveal:
 - 1) P _____ v.16
 - 2) P _____ v.18
 - 3) P _____ v.19

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Read: Acts 1:1-9, 2:1-13, 36-47

1:1-9—Gospel to go global...Holy Spirit's involvement...

2:1-13—Pentecost: Holy Spirit's coming to the early church...

- Peter's preaching the Bible in v.14-39...
- v.36-41—People's response, a call to repent, and church growth...
- v.42-47—Purpose/Nature of the CHURCH...
- CHURCH is NOT a perfect community though (cf. Acts 5, 6, 15, etc.)...
- What the Birth reveals:


- 1) _____
- 2) _____

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Read: Eph.1:15-23, Col. 1:18, 1Cor.12:12ff.

- What the Body reveals:

- 1) _____
- 2) _____
- 3) _____
- 4) _____

Small Group Reflection Questions 
(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

**God is at work in this world. Where did you "see/sense" Him this week?*

**The past two weeks, we've talked about the nature and mission of the CHURCH. How would you answer someone who asked you, "Why do you go to church?" Why do you think church is important?*

Read: Gen. 33:18-20, John 4

**Among other things, John 4 teaches us how to share our faith with an unbeliever. What do you notice about the way Jesus converses with this woman that can help us in our faith-sharing attempts?*

**v.27 says the disciples were "surprised" to find Jesus talking with this woman. What are some of the things Jesus says/does that "surprises" you too in this story?*

Movie Review: Ep.8 "I Am He" (~30min—Part 2.)

**Has there ever been a time in your life you were as excited about Jesus as the woman at the well was? How can we bring back some of that excitement?*