

Imagine: I Will Build My Church

Text: Matthew 16:13-20

Purpose: As we go through this eight-week series, we want to hold our preconceived ideas and values of the church loosely, and together imagine what the church is supposed to be and do.

Opening Question: *As you think about the church, what's important to you?*

Read and Discuss: Matthew 16:13-20

1. *Who do people say that Jesus is? Who would you say Jesus is? Why is that an important question to answer for you?*
2. *What does it mean that Jesus gives the "keys of the kingdom of heaven" to Peter and to us? How does that empower you to serve and give to the church?*
3. *What does it mean to you that Calvary is building a family and not a building? What role do you play in that?*
4. *In verse 16 Jesus tells His disciples that in order to build the church, He must "suffer many things." In what ways does it cost us to be a part of Jesus' church?*
5. *Are you seeing yourself as part of the church? Do you see yourself connected to the church or critiquing the church?*
6. *Jesus says "On the third day He will be raised to life." How does that move you to want to fully participate in the church? What does Calvary need that you can help give?*