

**GLORIFYING JESUS****This is What We Do**

**Knowing what the church is and who the church is for will determine the answer to “What does the church do?”**

<sup>15</sup>“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?”<sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”<sup>17</sup>Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

Matthew 16:15-18 (NIV)

**The church is a gathering of people for Jesus to bring his kingdom.**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

**We are a gathering on Jesus' mission to expand His kingdom by loving Jesus, becoming like Jesus, and sharing Jesus with people far from God.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**We are glorifying Jesus by living on Jesus' mission.**

**We are loving Jesus because He first loved us.**

*We love because he first loved us.*

1 John 4:19 (NIV)

**We glorify Jesus when we are loving Jesus by living for Jesus.**

<sup>37</sup>Jesus replied: “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment.

Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)

**We are becoming like Jesus because the Holy Spirit lives in us.**

<sup>9</sup>This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup>This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. <sup>11</sup>Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup>No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. <sup>13</sup>This is how we know that we live in him and he in us: He has given us of his Spirit.

1 John 4:9-13 (NIV)

**We glorify Jesus when we are becoming like Jesus and loving each other.**

*This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.*

John 15:8 (NIV)

**We are sharing Jesus because we want His kingdom to come to people who are far from God.**

*For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.*

Luke 19:10 (NIV)

**We glorify Jesus when we share Jesus by doing good deeds to love the world.**

<sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. <sup>15</sup>Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

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