



We Are the Church
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Purpose, Priority and Plan
Part 1



I. The Purpose (Matthew 16:13-20)

This passage is the climax of Jesus ministry, it is in effect the Apostle's final examination.

A. Confusion about the Rock

Peter = Petros _____ rock.

Rock = Petra Great _____ of rock.

The foundation of the church is _____.

B. Confusion about the "Gates of Hades"

The **Purpose** of the church is an assembly of believers proclaiming eternal life through the son of God's death burial and resurrection.

II. The Priority (Matthew 28:16-20)

A. Go = In Your _____

B. Make Disciples = Believing and Learning

C. Baptizing = baptizo = To Dunk

D. Teaching = Learning about Christ so we can live like Christ.

E. The **Priority** of the church is the proclaiming of the gospel, so we can make disciples

III. The Plan (Acts 2:42-47)

A. Teaching

B. Fellowship = partnership or sharing

C. Communion

D. Prayers

E. Meeting each other's needs

F. Eating Doing life together

G. Praising

The **Plan** for the church is for us to come together to grow and support each other so we can go out and share the gospel.

The **Purpose, Priority** and **Plan** for the church all have one thing in common that is the gospel of Christ.