

Worship with us in the Word

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What's Missing in Life? ...CHURCH?
Matthew 16:13-20

Remember our Pre-COVID life? A lot of routines are now missing...

Matthew 16 – Christ's Introduction to Church

- Jesus' general question about the Son of Man (v. 13-14)
- Jesus' specific question about Himself (vv. 15-16)
- Jesus' declaration about His plan: to build His church (vv. 17-19)
- Jesus' unusual restriction about his identity (v. 20)

Because of Christ's plan, my identification with Him is united with my identification to His church!

- Christ designs us to be 'in assembly'
 - For our benefit
 - For His glory
 - For others' benefit
- The tell-tale signs of "doing" church
 - Am I self-centered? What does it offer me?
 - Am I bringing my independence and limiting my investment?
 - Am I a critical evaluator, looking for the best all-around product for the price of my Sunday mornings?

Believer, you are 'the assembly.' You are the church! – "living stones" – 1 Peter 2:5