

# How God Wants To Use You To Change The World

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## INTRODUCTION

*When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <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 16:13-18**

*"...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her..."*  
Ephesians 5:25

(See also Ephesians 1:22-23, Ephesians 4:6-13, Acts 2:36-41)

**Main Idea: The church is God's team organized to change the world!**

## I. Realize Who Is On God's Team

- \*The redeemed people of God (Acts 2:36-41)
- \*The assurance and power is The Holy Spirit
- \*If you are a Christ follower, you are the church.

*The Church is the community of all true believers for all time.*  
(Wayne Grudem, Systematic Theology)

## II. Be A Fully Engaged Team Player

- \*We worship God (Ps. 150, Col. 3:16)
- \*We nurture believers (Col. 1:28-29, Eph. 4:12-13)  
(Practice the "one anothers")
- \*We share the good news with unbelievers  
(Matt. 28:18-20, Lk. 19:10)
- \*Note: We must keep these in balance

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47*

## III. Trust God Will Change The World Through Us, The Church

See: Matthew 16:18