

BIG IDEA

Your view of Jesus will determine your view of the church.

KEY VERSE

Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish. (Psalm 92:13)

SUMMARY

The church belongs to Jesus. He calls the church “my” church. Valley Creek is one church that meets in multiple campuses and carries hope into thousands of locations. The purpose of planting campuses is to serve cities. Each campus is a safe harbor where we can dump our garbage and be built up to be carriers of hope in our cities. Every follower of Jesus needs a harbor where they can receive and contribute. The church connects us to the presence of God.

THE CHURCH

- A. **The church is Jesus’ idea.** The first time the term church was used was by Jesus after His disciples acknowledged who He was (Matthew 16:18-19). Our view of Jesus will determine our view of, and passion for, the church.

How has your view of Jesus and of the church evolved?

- B. **The church is being built by Jesus.** We are living stones, each unique and different, that Jesus is using to build His church. We are each a part of the body that Jesus places exactly where He wants us to be (1 Corinthians 12:18).

What is one thing in your life that needs to come in alignment with Jesus?

- C. **The church belongs to Jesus.** Jesus paid the ultimate price for the church, His bride. He laid down His life for her (Acts 20:28).

What are you surrendering and sacrificing for the church?

- D. **The church is Jesus’ dream.** Jesus was dreaming about us before the church even existed. His dream was to see us be His representatives on this earth. It is impossible to live out God’s dream for us outside of the church.

What do you believe God’s dream is for your life in the church and your areas of life?

- E. **The church is a movement of hope.** In Jesus’ first declaration of the church, He declares it is a movement of hope and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it (Matthew 16:18). Satan knows the only thing that can usurp his plan is the church. He attacks the people of God and our view of church through division, distraction, and separation. If he can disconnect us from the church, we become neutralized.

Where have you been neutralized? Where do you need to change your view of the church and take a next step to engage in its movement of hope?



God is building a *family* (identity), a *connection* (relationship), and *fields* (purpose). Because we are beloved sons and daughters, we are connected with God, and live a life for His purpose (Hebrews 10:24-25).

HOPE FOR THE LOST, LONELY, & BROKEN

When there is hope in the city, there is hope for the lost, lonely, and broken (Jeremiah 29:7). There is no one beyond the healing power of Jesus. Jesus decided to heal the broken through you. He’s given you gifts, talents, and passions to heal the brokenness of people’s lives. You are a hope carrier!

Who is that one person in your life who needs hope? Hope for _____

(Other Scripture References: Luke 19:10, Mark 10:45, John 18:37)