

03.07.2021 THE CHURCH DEFINED Discussion Guide

BIG IDEA

Did you know that you can be part of building something that can never be torn down? Pastor Daniel reminds us that, by definition, the Church is a gathering of people built upon the foundation that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. Therefore, the Church is on a mission to seek and save lost people, and like a body, needs all its parts to be fully functioning to fulfill that mission.

SCRIPTURES USED IN THE MESSAGE

Matthew 16:16-18Acts 2: 44-47

Acts 2:1 (NASB)

- Acts 20:7 (NASB)
- Acts 15:30 (NASB)
 - Hebrews 10:24-25
- Matthew 28:18-20
- Luke 19:10
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

TALK IT OVER

Choose questions that keep the discussion moving. No need to discuss every question.

- What are the missions of some well-known companies? How well are they fulfilling their mission? What is the mission of Lifepoint Church?
- When do you feel the most connected to God and other believers? Why? What is the significance of believers gathering in person?
- Describe the types of people that may not be welcomed by many churches. How can we reach those people for Christ and welcome them into our church? What can we do to overcome prejudice we have against any people-groups in the body of Christ?
- What role are you actively playing to contribute to the mission of the Church? How do you keep your part of the body fully functional? What value does this add to the body of Christ? How are you being used by God to build up the lives of others?

APPLICATION IDEAS

• Where has God placed you in the body of Christ? What is your role in the mission of the Church? If you're not sure, plan to attend Growth Track this week because you are needed for the body to function properly.

PRAYER FOCUS

At Lifepoint, we pray until something happens. Make time in every group meeting to pray for one another and the larger matters of concern to your group.

• Pastor Daniel reminds us that the Church is a gathering, a called-out assembly of Christians. If you or those you know have not already rejoined in-person gatherings, begin praying about when the time is right to do so.

LEADER TIPS

• The Church exists for those who aren't here yet. Challenge yourself and your group members to create or join a Serve project as a group.

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