

The Church

Week Two: Church Partnerships

Sunday, January 25, 2026

"...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Matthew 16:18b (NIV84)

1. The church has a _____.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV84)

*** Go: _____ the journey.**

*** Make disciples: _____.**

"Then he said to the crowd, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me.

Luke 9:23 (NLT)

*** Baptize: _____ following.**

"Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

Acts 2:38 (NIV84)

*** Teaching obedience: learning what following looks like, then _____ it.**

2. The purpose has many _____.

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us."³⁹ "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me,⁴⁰ for whoever is not against us is for us.⁴¹ I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward."

Mark 9:38-41 (NIV84)

3. One of these paths is _____.

"Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

Matthew 19:14 (NIV84)

4. Lean into _____.

"Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?² Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose."

Philippians 2:1-2 (NLT)

How can I _____ to my partners?