

## The Church

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

Matthew 16:18b (NIV84)

### Week Four: Church Design - Part Two, Participation

Sunday, February 8, 2026

*"From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."*

Ephesians 4:16 (NIV84)

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ we are.

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."*

Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

##### A. Work of \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **Original** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them...<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day."*

Genesis 1:27, 31 (NIV84)

\* **Re-creation in** \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV84)

##### B. Designed to do \_\_\_\_\_.

*"I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."*

John 14:12 (NIV84)

##### C. Expectation of \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. <sup>30</sup> And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?"*

Romans 8:28–31 (NIV84)

#### 2. What we \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. Equipped by the \_\_\_\_\_.

*"There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. <sup>6</sup> There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men. <sup>7</sup> Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good."*

1 Corinthians 12:5–7 (NIV84)

#### B. Uniquely and specifically \_\_\_\_\_.

*"To one there is given through the Spirit the message of wisdom, to another the message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, <sup>10</sup> to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines."*

1 Corinthians 12:8–11 (NIV84)

#### C. Called to \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. <sup>6</sup> In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. <sup>7</sup> If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. <sup>8</sup> If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging."*

*If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly."*

Romans 12:4–8 (NLT)

#### 3. How we \_\_\_\_\_.

##### A. \_\_\_\_\_.

\* **Named in the** \_\_\_\_\_: Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 1 Corinthians 12:28

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##### B. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened."*

Matthew 7:7–8 (NLT)

##### C. \_\_\_\_\_.

*"And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. <sup>9</sup> Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you."*

Philippians 4:8–9 (NLT)

**What is my \_\_\_\_\_?**