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Finding a relationship with God

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Discussion Guide for “Rooted in the Local Church”

Rooted Week 6

What does it mean to be a church? For Jesus, it wasn't about buildings and activities, but a people gathered around a single purpose. So how does being the Church help us know God?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 16:18-19](#)

[Matthew 18:19-20](#)

[Matthew 22:37-39](#)

[1 Corinthians 14:26-33](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

Sacred Reading is a way of reading Scripture with an eye toward transformation, not just information. You can find a [step-by-step guide here](#). The passage for this week's sacred reading is [Matthew 16:13-27](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. Do you tend to think of church as a building or as a group of people?
2. What are the limitations of the church-as-building model?
3. The Greek word we translate 'church' is *ekklesia*. It means 'assembly'. How does that word change what you understand a 'church' to be?
4. What brings you to gather with your church family on a Sunday?
5. How does your church family help you know God better?