



Discussion Guide for “Church + Serve”

Church Words With Friends Week 7

If we think about it for a minute or two, we realize church isn't a building, but an organization. But what kind of organization? The Church is a body of ministers, a whole group of servants. How does that work? And what does it look like when we do it well?

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 16:15-18](#)

[Matthew 20:28](#)

[Ephesians 4:11-12](#)

[1 Peter 4:7-11](#)

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 16:13-28](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. When you think of “Church” what most immediately comes to mind? If someone asked you what church is, what would you tell them?
2. Revisit Jesus' words in Matthew 16:15-18. What did Matthew mean by using the word “ekklesia” for Church there? What is a Church, according to Matthew?
3. Do you think of church as more of a top-down or bottom-up kind of organization? Why is that?
4. How does God call you to serve, both in Catalyst and individually?
5. What does serving look like for you in this next week?