



lifegroups

## Life Group Notes

'Church is \_\_\_\_\_'

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Week 1



### Welcome (helping the group connect with each other)

Who can remember a funny story relating to church?

### Word (helping the group learn, grow and hear from God)

Tonight we begin a series looking at the Church, to discover what the 'Church is...'

#### **Everyone has an opinion!!**

- What are some of the common views about church that you had before you started coming, or other people you know have, or the media and culture in general have about the church? (Try to draw out the positive as well as the negative!)

Our aim is to go back to what the founder, Jesus, idea was for the church.

**Read Matt. 16v.13-18** - Jesus view of the church was that it is unstoppable!

- This is the first mention of the word Church in the New Testament, what does it reveal of how Jesus viewed the church?
- What inspires you from these verses?
- What challenges you from these verses?

One of the metaphors for the church is an 'army'

**Read 2 Timothy 2 v.3-4, 2 Cor. 10 v.3-4, Eph. 6 v. 10-18**

- What are the positive and negative images this metaphor creates for us and maybe for other people?

The church becomes unstoppable **when** certain things happen.

Discuss how we can take this theory and make it reality....

- What does it mean for us all to be on mission?
- What does it mean for us all to be on the same page?
- What does it mean for us all to be on fire?

### Worship & works (helping the group encounter God and His world)

What makes the Church so unique is that it's all about a person not a system and that person is Jesus, the founder and sustainer!

Finish by worshipping him and then asking him to set you on fire with passion for Him, His church and His world.

Conclude by praying for those who don't yet know Jesus and ask God to use you and your voice to speak life wherever he puts you.



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