

EKKLESIA

PART 1: WHAT'S IN A NAME

We are stewards of the church's reputation and influence. How we act, react, and treat others determines whether our faith appears authentic or hypocritical. Every believer is responsible for embodying Jesus's tone, posture, and approach.

CONNECT

When you think of the word "church," what comes to mind?

LEARN

Before watching the video together and discussing the questions provided, we suggest taking a few moments to pray. Here's a simple prayer you can use:

APPLY

After sharing what stood out from the video, discuss the following questions as a group:

1. Growing up, how did you view the church? What impact did "the church" make on you?
2. How does the reality that the church is an assembly of people, not a building, impact your perception of it?
3. Read **Matthew 16:15–18**.
"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."
4. Have you heard this before? How does that passage influence your confidence in the mission and future of the church?
5. Andy said, "You determine what Christians look like because you claim to be one." What kind of impression do you hope people have of the church because of you?

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BEFORE NEXT TIME

Think about how God has uniquely positioned you—whether it's in your family, workplace, or friend group. How do you want others to perceive Jesus's ekklesia as a result of your actions.

PRAY

Pray together as a group thanking God for empowering the movement of the ekklesia and bringing your group together today. Ask him to move in and through your group so that the good news of great joy can be seen and heard by the people around us as you reflect his love.