

## SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

March 2, 2025 Pastor Michael Dees

Sermon Discussion Guide Series: What's The Point

Sermon: Pastor Michael Dees - What's The Point of The Church?

## Recap the Highlights:

Church - a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly.

Five observations of the Church throughout history:

- 1. The Church is a result of grace.
- 2. The Church flourished under pressure.
- 3. The Church is imperfect.
- 4. The Church works best in <u>unity</u>.
- 5. The Church is Christ's agent of transformation in a broken world.

## Now Dig Deeper:

- 1. Read Matthew 16:17-18
- 2. Did you grow up in a church? If so, would anyone like to share their experience? Remember, stay positive. Groups are not a time to tear down, but to grow in our relationships with Christ.
- 3. Pastor Michael explained that the church is the gathering of God's people for his purposes. Can you think of a time that you were outside of the church building, but were in a place that you "experienced" the church? Ex. Mission Trip, Serve Project, Gift of hospitality to you in a time of need.
- 4. We can't earn God's grace. It's all a gift from Him. He decided to adopt us. So why is it so hard for us to give grace to others?

## Respond & Pray:

- The Church is made up of people which makes it imperfect. Don't allow imperfect people to stain God's church.
- Is there an area of frustration in your life that keeps you from having unity with a brother or sister in Christ? Let's agree to pray for a heart of forgiveness and unity this week.