

# Message Notes

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# Message Outline

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### **I. The Church belongs to Jesus Christ**

- A. A people bought by Jesus (Acts 20:28)
- B. A people “called out” by Jesus (I Peter 2:9-10)
- C. A people united to Jesus (Rom. 12:4-5)
- D. A people loved by Jesus (2 Thes. 2:13)

### **II. The Church will be built by Jesus Christ**

- A. The Church Universal
- B. The Church Local
- C. Who is the “rock” in 16:18?
- D. What are the “keys” in 16:19?

### **III. The Church will triumph through Jesus Christ**

- A. History has shown the indestructibility of the Church.
- B. History has shown the transcendence of the Church.
- C. History has shown the growth of the Church.

## ***Growth Group Understanding Questions***

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1. Read Matthew 16:13-23 again. What is so surprising and significant about Jesus' mention of the church in 16:18? What does the word "church" mean in Greek? What had it come to refer to?
2. What is the church? Whose is the church? Take time to refer to the four dimensions of how the church belongs to Christ under the first point in the outline? How should these truths impact the way we see the church?
3. How do we know what Jesus is talking about when He says, "I will build my church?" What Biblical evidence do we have that Jesus' statement was and is now being fulfilled?
4. What or who is the "rock" upon which the church will be built? What are the other possible answers? What are the "keys" that Christ gives? What are the other possible answers?
5. Look at Jesus' affirmation in 16:17. What is so surprising about this? When Jesus calls Peter "Simon Barjona" what is He saying about Peter? Does Peter get the credit for his spiritual insight?

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1. What was the most encouraging or challenging thing about our message/text this week? What was new?
2. How do people see the church today? Why is that? How does this passage revolutionize the way we see the church?
3. If Christ was talking about the church as the people of God in all times and places, why should we care about what happens here at Grace Church? Is there any Biblical evidence to support the concept of individual local churches?
4. If Christ was talking about the church as the people of God in all times and places, how does this shape our view and partnering with other churches?
5. How does this passage establish a priority of church planting in mission's endeavors?
6. What are ways we can and should be involved in the local church? How are you involved in the local church now?

