

Just Give Me the Church

Main Scripture: Mathew 16:13-19, 21-24

Additional Scriptures: Revelation 1:18

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- Pastor Mike repeated that you cannot go to church, but that the church is the people of God gathered in Jesus' name. How does this change your view of church? How does this view of church change the way you view going to lunch with another Christian? Hanging out with Christian friends? Doing things outside of Sunday morning church with other Christians?
- "Jesus is not chit-chat. He doesn't ask superficial questions." Reflect on how you talk with your friends, particularly your Christian friends. How much of your talk in idle chit-chat? How much of it is centered around the Kingdom of God?
 - How much of our talk should be focused on Kingdom things? Why?
 - How do you bring the Kingdom up in conversation? Discuss.
- "The church is supposed to be the least safe place on planet earth!" Do you agree with Pastor Mike's statement? Are you living "dangerously"?
 - Discuss what living dangerously means in the context of Gainesville, FL.
- Pastor Mike gave an example of a man being beaten to death in Boston Market while 9 other people just stood by. Share some stories (use discretion and use anonymous names if necessary) about people who needed help and how you intervened for them, whether that is with their marriage, family, sin issues, struggles, accountability. Share for the sake of edifying the group.
- Pastor Mike talked about being fed up with "flesh and blood". What are some flesh and blood things that you struggle with seeing the supernatural in? (Ex. – marriage, evangelism, workplace, etc.)
 - What are some flesh and blood things in your small group you would like to see become more supernatural?

Doing: Application

- "The church is not natural, so stop acting like it! You don't fit into this world, so stop trying!" Take this exhortation from Pastor Mike and apply it to your life this week. Pray about how you can flow more in the supernatural and how you can tear yourself away from being conformed to this world. Come back next week and discuss what God revealed to you and how you plan on doing it!
- We have been given the keys to the Kingdom. Discuss how you are going to use your keys this week and come back next week to discuss some stories.