

THE CHURCH  
in here

THE CHURCH  
out there

## Week #1: The Church, Its Mission, and Your Part to Play

**Weekly Benediction:** “We’re done \_\_\_\_\_ the church in here; let’s go \_\_\_\_ the church out there.”

Being the church involves knowing \_\_\_\_\_ we are and \_\_\_\_\_ we do.

### Who we are individually in Christ:

- Sons & Daughters ([1 John 3:2](#); [Galatians 4:7](#), [Ephesians. 1:5](#), [1 Peter 2:9](#))
- Saints ([1 Corinthians 1:2](#))
- Sanctified ([1 Corinthians 1:30](#))
- Secure ([Ephesians. 1:13-14](#))

### Who we are collectively as the Church:

- The church is not a building; it’s a \_\_\_\_\_. ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))
- The church is not a function; it’s a \_\_\_\_\_. ([Ephesians 2:19](#))
- The church is not an audience; but an \_\_\_\_\_. ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#))
- The church is not consumers; but \_\_\_\_\_. ([Philippians 2:4](#))

### What we do:

- \_\_\_\_\_ . (Worship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ . (Discipleship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ . (Fellowship)
- \_\_\_\_\_ . (Ministry)
- \_\_\_\_\_ . (Evangelism)

## The Great Commandment

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Matthew 22:37-40 (VOICE)

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*“I am here speaking with all the authority of God, who has commanded Me to give you this commission: Go out and make disciples in all the nations. Ceremonially wash them through baptism in the name of the triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then disciple them. Form them in the practices and postures that I have taught you, and show them how to follow the commands I have laid down for you. And I will be with you, day after day, to the end of the age.”*

Matthew 28:18-20 (VOICE)

- A great \_\_\_\_\_ to the Great Commandment and the Great Commission, will produce a great \_\_\_\_\_ and a great \_\_\_\_\_.

### Discussion Questions

1. Based on this week’s message, how do you see yourself in relation to Christ and his church?
2. What is your understanding of your role as a member of the family of Christ?
3. What is your understanding of the church’s role in our community?
4. How can you participate in the work that God is doing in your life and the life of the church?

### Recommended Resources:

- *Why Church Matters*, by Joshua Harris
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Being the church involves knowing **who** we are and **what** we do.

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### Who we are collectively as the Church:

- The church is not a building; it’s a **body**. ([1 Corinthians 12:27](#))
- The church is not a function; it’s a **family**. ([Ephesians 2:19](#))
- The church is not an audience; but an **army**. ([Ephesians 6:10-18](#))
- The church is not consumers; but **contributors**. ([Philippians 2:4](#))

### What we do:

- **Gather**. (Worship)
- **Grow**. (Discipleship)
- **Group**. (Fellowship)
- **Give**. (Ministry)
- **Go**. (Evangelism)

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