

ἐκκλησία

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Ekklesia Part 1 – Called Out, Called Together

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USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is not to get through the questions, but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit, but emphasize the relationships.

Matthew 16:18

“Upon this rock I will build my CHURCH and the gates of hell will not prevail against it”

Ephesians 2:22 (NIV)

“And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.”

Hebrews 10:25-27 (TPT)

²⁵ This is not the time to pull away and neglect meeting together, as some have formed the habit of doing, because we need each other! In fact, we should come together even more frequently, eager to encourage and urge each other onward as we anticipate that day dawning.

1 Corinthians 12:20 (MSG)

For no matter how significant you are, it is only because of what you are a part of.

1 Corinthians 12:21

“An enormous eye or gigantic hand wouldn't be a body, but a monster! What we have is one body with many parts, each its proper size and in its proper place. No part is important on its own.”

1 Corinthians 12:27 (TPT)

*²⁷ You are the body of the Anointed One, and each of you is a **unique and vital part of it.***

Matthew 27:57-60 (NIV)

⁵⁷As evening approached, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who had himself become a disciple of Jesus. ⁵⁸Going to Pilate, he asked for Jesus' body, and Pilate ordered that it be given to him. ⁵⁹Joseph took the body, wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, ⁶⁰and placed it in his own new tomb that he had cut out of the rock. He rolled a big stone in front of the entrance to the tomb and went away.

Matthew 27:58 (KJV)

" . . . He went to Pilate and begged for the body of Jesus."

1. Let God use who you are.
2. Let God use what you have.

TALK IT THROUGH

1. How long have you been part of the Church? Meaning, not only TFH, but the accumulation of all your church experience? What drew you?
2. The Church is called the *Ekklesia* (Greek), which means *the called out and called together*. As a group, discuss the description of the Church based on Matthew 16:18 and Ephesians 2:19-22. What is her foundation and how is she built together?
3. According to Hebrews 10:25, why should we make gathering together with other believers a priority? What happens in the gathering?
4. Read together 1 Corinthians 12:12-26 in the Message version. Discuss the significance of the Body of Christ – the whole and its parts. How can we honor every part, every person's unique contribution? What does this mean to you?
5. Pastor Tosha exhorted us, "Now is not the time to leave the Body of Christ because we need each other!" Have you ever felt like leaving the church? What keeps you in?
6. Joseph of Arimathea gave the tomb he had for Jesus' body. What is in your hand for the Lord to use? Share as a group and pray for one another that we all might be fully engaged and available for all the Lord wants to do in and through us.