

## **What Is The Church?**

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### **Read:**

Matthew 16:13-18, 1 Corinthians 12:12, 15-20, 27, Ephesians 2:17-19, Ephesians 5:25-33

### **Reflect:**

As believers, we make up the church that Jesus first spoke about in Matthew 16. Pastor Josh Walters describes the church in three ways and discusses how we can all be a part of heaven on earth.

## **THREE PICTURES OF THE CHURCH**

### **1. The Body Of Christ**

- a. What gifts and talents do you have that could contribute toward building the body of Christ. Are you currently using them? If yes, describe how.
- b. What kind of legacy do you think you will leave behind? How does it match up to the legacy you want people to remember?

### **2. Family Of God**

- a. How are you investing in the lives of people around you?
- b. How are you modeling family in and outside of the church?
- c. How can we know that we belong to the family of God?

### **3. Bride of Christ**

- a. What does it mean when Jesus says that the church is the bride of Christ?
- b. How are you pursuing intimacy with God?
- c. Picture yourself at a wedding. Do you see yourself walking the aisle or seated in the crowd?

### **Response**

Where is God leading you? How can your small group support you?