

21st CENTURY CHURCH

09.26.21

PURPOSE OF THE GROUP: To give everyone in the group the opportunity to find authentic community and spiritual growth. A group is where you are known, and you grow.

YOUR PERSONAL ROLE: Listen to the message (at church or online) before you show up at group. Be real. (Life is better connected)

INTRODUCTION:

We've been asking the question, "Is this the church Jesus intended for it to be 2000 years later? Would Jesus recognize the 21st century church?"

- 📺 **WATCH THE MESSAGE LIVE OR ON THE ROCKPOINTE APP OR WEBSITE.**
- 📺 **PLAY THE 2 MINUTE MESSAGE RECAP IN THE GROUP**

STARTER:

Introduce yourselves and share about your life.

What do you want to get out of this group, or why did you join?

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE CHURCH:

1. What are the things most people expect from the church? Can your group think of at least 10?

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| 1. | 6. |
| 2. | 7. |
| 3. | 8. |
| 4. | 9. |
| 5. | 10. |

2. What are some of the commands that God gave the church in the scriptures? Can your group think of at least 5?

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

3. What do you think would upset most of us more—if the church didn't provide the things from question 1 or if the church didn't obey the commands from question 2?

In Luke 12, Jesus told a parable about a master leaving his servants with specific tasks. When the master returned, he expected to see the tasks accomplished. When he saw his commands neglected, the servants were punished harshly. How can we shrug our shoulders at a parable like this? Jesus is returning soon, and He expects to find His Church taking His commands seriously. Yet far too often we are more concerned with how well the sermon was communicated, whether the youth group is relevant enough, or how to make the music better. Honestly, what is it that gets us stirred up for change? Is it obedience toward commands from God? Or is it falling short of expectations that we have made up? The answer to these questions might just show us whether our church exists to please God or please us—whether this is what God intended us to be or whether it's what we are comfortable with.

KEY VERSE OF THE WEEK: Acts 2:42–47

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

HOW CAN THIS GROUP PRAY FOR YOU THIS WEEK?

ASK SOMEONE TO PRAY TO END THE GROUP TIME.