

IMPACT GROUP QUESTIONS

AUTHORITY TO BUILD HIS CHURCH
MATTHEW 16:13-20
JULY 14, 2019

Opening: What truths impacted you most from the sermon/passage?

Inform the Head, Stir the Heart

Please read Ephesians 2:11-22

1. How has our American culture become an obstacle to us recognizing the value of the church?

2. Please note the use of the words "the flesh" in vs. 11 and 14. What difference do you see between the flesh of Gentiles/Jews vs. Jesus' flesh?

3. In Matthew 16:18 Jesus says, "On this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Please look at Ephesians 2:11-22 to see how God is building His church. Please explain the specific phrases you see here as God's role in building the church.

4. Ephesians 2:15 says that God "abolished the law of commandments expressed in ordinances." Why is that important for building the church?

5. When you see how we as Gentiles are described in this passage before salvation vs. after salvation, how are you impacted in the way you approach God and in how you view relationships with other believers?

6. Please read Ephesians 2:21-22. Please describe your view of what the actions, character traits, and attitudes are for those who are "growing into a holy temple" and are "being built together into a dwelling place for God."

Challenge the Will

Based on what you learned from the study, or read in the passage, what actions/focus do you need to pursue in order to draw closer to the Lord (i.e. Trust in Jesus as the King of kings, partner with Jesus as He builds His church)?