

FBC Groups Ministry Discussion Guide

From Simple Church? A Series Based on Matthew 16:18 Part Two: “Why Are We Here?” Matthew 22:34–40

What does it mean to be the church? When Jesus took off His tool belt to begin His earthly ministry, He promised that He would be the one to build His church. Many people missed it because of how they viewed Jesus from their past. Is there anything from your past that is causing you to miss what Jesus is building today? This week we consider why Jesus is building His church. Read Matt. 22:34–40.

Jesus is building His church with these relationships in mind:

The relationship between you and God

The relationship between you and yourself

The relationship between you and other people

Questions for Group Discussion:

1. Think about the reasons people might give for being part of a church.
2. What are the top three reasons that you are part of this church?
3. How does the Great Commandment impact your view of church?
4. How is the church helping you love God, yourself, and others?
5. What are some ways our church can love God and others better?
6. What are some ways to love yourself better?
7. Do you struggle to see yourself as God sees you?
8. What is a practical way to show love to your neighbor this week?

Final Thoughts and Closing Prayer:

What will I do to experience more of God’s love this week?

How will I pray and live differently because of this study?

Notes & Reflections: