

# EKKLESIA lesson 1.....

## CHRIST'S UNSTOPPABLE MOVEMENT: What is the Church?

:::BIBLICAL PASSAGE: Matthew 16:13–20, Acts 1:1–3

:::MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 118:22–23—The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

:::TABLE TALK QUESTION: What is the importance of the Church?

### Let the Church Begin.....

1. Members of the Church \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus as Christ, the Son of God (Matt. 16:13–17).
2. Members of the Church \_\_\_\_\_ the Kingdom of God (Matt. 16:18–20).
3. Members of the Church \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' teachings revealed in the Bible and by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1–3).

### Small Group Discussion Questions.....

- How do people today identify Jesus?
- Who is Jesus to you? How did you reach that decision?
- What evidence do you see that the Church is completing its mission despite opposition?
- Does persecution strengthen or weaken a person's commitment to Christ?
- In what ways does your lifestyle demonstrate your commitment to Christ and your enthusiasm for telling others about Him?

### Free Thought.....

"To be the Church—our highest calling—depends on understanding the very character of the body of Christ on earth. Only then can we understand what it means to live as the people of God, serving God in today's world."  
—Charles Colson