



SMALL GROUP STUDY

Week 1: IT'S NOT MY CHURCH

1. What has been your experience of church?
 - What have been some of the great experiences you've had?
 - What have been some of the terrible experiences you've had?
 - What keeps you coming back?

2. Why is church important to you?

3. In his sermon, Matt worked through several texts and images describing the relationship between Jesus and the church:
 - Jesus will build his church. **Matthew 16:18**
 - Christ is the head of the church. **Colossians 1:18**
 - The church is the bride of Christ. **Revelation 21:9**
 - Jesus is the good shepherd. **John 10:11-15**
 - Jesus has purchased the church by his blood. **Acts 20:28**

Which is most meaningful to you? Most challenging? Why?

4. How do they change your way of thinking about the church?

5. What does it mean for Christ to be the head of his church?
 - Practically, what does it look like? How does it work?

6. How do we “discern the mind of Christ”?
 - How do we experience his leading in our life together?

7. How are you committed to *a* church?
 - What does that look like in your life?
 - Do you think your actions and attitudes towards the church reflect the kind of commitment involved in, say, a marriage?
 - What might need to change?

Pray for each other and for “our” church.