

THE BIG IDEA CURRICULUM
Building an Acts 29 Church
(Part 1)How God Sees His Church
Sermon 16.5.09
Wayne Krause

Small Group Study for Week of May 16-22

The Big Idea: There is no Acts 29 in the Bible. We are the Acts 29 church as we are the ones who follow on from what happened in the early church. God has a specific plan for His church and we get to be a part of it if we follow God's plan for building His church and if we allow Him to use us on His terms, not ours.

Group Reads: Matthew 16:18

Questions:

1. What is the difference between God building His church and us building His church?
2. If He is building His church what is our part?
3. According to this verse, what is the ultimate outcome for the church?

Group Reads: Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18; 1 Corinthians 12:27

4. How important is the church according to these verses and why or why not?
5. What does it mean by saying the church is Christ's body? What should the society see when they see CCCC? What are the implications for me as an individual and CCCC as a community?
6. What does it mean when it says that the church is Christ's "fullness," what does that look like and how then should we live?
7. Given these verses, what do you say to those who say, "I want to be a part of Christ but I do not want to be part of a church?" According to these verses, how can a person follow Christ and not be part of His church?

Discuss

8. If you were the devil, and you knew what the church was and what God's plans for the church were, what would you try to do to the church and through the church to stop people wanting to be part of it?
9. In the fight over the church, and looking at your life, have you been helping God and His plans or the devil and his plans? How?

Group Reads: Ephesians 4:4-6; Romans 6:1-4; Acts 2:36-41; Matthew 28:18-20

10. According to these verses how important is baptism and what does baptism signify?
11. Discuss the statement that "we are baptised into Christ and into the church, you can't have one without the other?"
12. Discuss: Baptism is initiation into community
13. What other implications do I read in the above verses?
14. What am I going to do as a result of this study?