

A Place Where People Count

What We Will Learn in this Series

1. The church is a body of people who need the _____ and also need _____.
2. Quality relationships are the key to _____ people for Jesus and the key to _____ in our walk with Him.

What Do We Learn about the Kingdom of God (Church)?

Luke 13:18 Then Jesus asked, "What is the kingdom of God like? What shall I compare it to? 19 It is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his garden. It grew and became a tree, and the birds of the air perched in its branches." 20 Again he asked, "What shall I compare the kingdom of God to? 21 It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into a large amount of flour until it worked all through the dough."

1. The church is an _____ place.

The Mustard Seed –

- It starts _____
- It grows _____
- It becomes a _____

The Yeast

- It starts _____
- It grows _____.
- It _____ people and provides for _____ bread.

Both the mustard seed and the yeast are _____.

Luke 13:22 Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. 23 Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?" He said to them, 24 "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. 25 Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, 'Sir, open the door for us.' "But he will answer, 'I don't know you or where you come from.' 26 "Then you will say, 'We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.' 27 "But he will reply, 'I don't know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!'

2. The church is an _____ place.

Jesus _____ what He _____ us to do!

-- Jesus said that there is only _____ to heaven.

"Many will try to enter" –

"And will not be able to" --

-- Jesus said that each person has a _____ to accept the Truth.

-- Jesus said that many people will _____ they _____ heaven.

Knowing " _____ " Jesus is not the same as knowing Him.

Luke 13:28 "There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out. 29 People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 30 Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

3. The church is an _____ place.

- It includes the _____ of the past.
- It includes people from all _____ and _____.

Luke 13: 30 Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last."

4. The church is an _____ place.

This was a direct _____ to the Jews and Gentiles.

So What?

1. If the church is to be _____, then you should be _____.

2. If the church is _____ then you should be _____ others.

3. If the church is _____ then you should _____ everyone.

4. If the church is _____, then you should be _____ in how you _____ others.