



## Part 10: “I Will Build My Church” MATTHEW 16:13-20

### SERMON NOTES

#### I will build my Church

- The Church is not built by our human \_\_\_\_\_, but by the power of Christ working through us, his Body, here on earth.
  - See Acts 2:41-47, Psalm 127:1, 1 Cor. 2:1-2, Rom. 12:3-6

#### I WILL build my Church

- The Church is built on the unfailing \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus will complete all he said he will do.
  - See Isaiah 14:27, Psalm 33:8-11, James 4:13-15

#### I will BUILD my Church

- The Church is built upon the foundation of Jesus Christ with us as living \_\_\_\_\_.
  - See 1 Peter 2:4-7, Ephesians 2:19-22

#### I will build MY Church

- The Church is not built around me and my \_\_\_\_\_, it is all about Jesus; he is the head of his Church.
  - See Acts 9:4-5, Colossians 1:17

#### I will build my CHURCH

- The Church is not a physical building, religious institution or ethnic group; it is the *ekklesia*, the \_\_\_\_\_ of all whom God has “called out” and have put their faith in Christ.
  - See Matthew 16:16-17, John 6:37-44

## **LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

- 1) As you think of the state of the church in our world today, what are your deepest concerns and greatest hopes? How does Jesus' promise to build his church speak to these concerns and hopes?
- 2) Over the years how has your understanding of the purpose of Church changed? What do you appreciate most about being a part of Christ's Church at Banwell?
- 3) Why are some people so quick to break fellowship with their local church? What are some personal preferences you have had to surrender in order to hold high the greater value of being a member within the Body of Christ?
- 4) What are your hopes for Banwell Community Church as we look to the future? How do Jesus' words in this passage provide guidance for us as we move forward? What is your part in Jesus Christ building his church here?

## **WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS**

Devote time this week to praise Jesus for His promise that He WILL build His Church. Pray and ask Him to fill us with strength in the midst of challenges, give us a clear focus on our mission and faith that He will make His Church a success. Pray for Pastor Steve as he prepares to share a message next Sunday on the future calling that Jesus has placed on our church here at Banwell.