

**“I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH!”  
(Matthew 16:18)**

As we seek God’s continued leading and confirmation for calling an Associate Pastor, we will be reminded of Christ’s great promise to build His Church. We are privileged to be a church family that relies on Christ’s power and remembers that...

- The Church is **BUILT** by Christ

*“...on this rock I WILL BUILD!!”*

(1 Cor 3:11; Eph 2:20; 1 Pet 2:4-5; Rom 10:9; Eph 4:11-12)

- The Church is **BOUGHT** by Christ

*“...I will build MY CHURCH!!”*

(1 Cor 6:19-20; Phil 2:10-11)

- The Church **BATTLES** by Christ

*“...and the gates of Hades SHALL NOT PREVAIL against it!!”*

(2 Cor 10:3-4; Eph 6:11-12; 1 Cor 15:55 & 57)

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Small Group/Family Discussion Guide

Icebreaker: Share about a construction or repair project that you worked on.

1. What are some ways that we can participate with Christ as He builds His church at Cornerstone?
2. How should Jesus’ words “*flesh and blood has not revealed this to you*” inform our approach to evangelism?
3. What are some good ways to complete this statement: “Because Christ owns me, I will \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. What are some things we must do to be victorious in the battle that rages against Christ’s church?
5. When an Associate Pastor comes on staff at Cornerstone, what are some ways we can bless and encourage him?

Small Group Prayer

Each person begin their prayer by confidently reciting and claiming the promise of Matthew 16:18. Pray for our church to continue to be confident in our faith as we serve the Lord.

Digging Deeper

Look up the Bible verses that are referenced in each point of the sermon outline, and jot down how they support each of the three main points.