

"We Are The Church"

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Synopsis

What is the church? Is it the physical building we go to on Sunday morning? That's the perception of many. This Readers Theater presentation explains that God's church is not a building, but the body of believers in Jesus Christ.

Scripture(s)

Matthew 16:18 - "And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this *rock* I will *build my church*, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

Ministry Lesson

Believers in Jesus Christ are the "church" of God. Although we gather in physical buildings, we are called to carry out God's mission on earth.

Ministry Focus

Growing in Christ

Genre

Dramatic Reading

Cast/Readers

Reader 1 - Worship

Reader 2 - Edification

Reader 3 - Evangelism

Props

Small black 3-ring notebooks containing scripts (3)

Costumes

Tee Shirt with the names of each character:

- Worship
- Edify
- Evangelize

Time: 5 minutes

READERS ENTER STAGE

Worship: Have you ever asked yourself, what is the church?

Edification: Is it a beautiful sanctuary adorned with stained glass windows, comfortable pews, and carpeted floors?

Evangelism: Or is it an auditorium with a large stage, track lighting, and balconies?

Worship: Or maybe it's just a small building with a few chairs and a podium.

Evangelism: The church is not a physical building or structure.

Edification: The lights cannot praise God.

Worship: And the chairs cannot give Him glory.

Evangelism: The "Church" is the people of God.

Worship: ...the Believers of Jesus Christ

Edification: who come together to carry out the will of God through...

Worship: WORSHIP

Edification: EDIFICATION

Evangelism: and EVANGELISM

ALL: We are the church!

Worship: Jesus said, "Upon this rock I will build my church"

Edification: That "rock" is our belief that Jesus is the Son of the living God.

Evangelism: ...and our faith; the foundation of God's salvation.

Worship: We are called to WORSHIP Him in spirit and in truth.

Edification: We are called to build up and support one another in our walk with God and service to mankind.

Evangelism: We are called to share the good news about Jesus to our neighbor, our community, and the world.

Edification: For God has given us spiritual gifts, to help us perform our mission on earth.

Worship: And though we may have different gifts, they are all given by the same Spirit.

Evangelism: And though there are different kinds of ministries and opportunities to help, we serve the same Lord.

- End of Preview -

I wrote this script to help members of my church (and other churches) understand they have been called and equipped for a purpose; not to just sit in the pews or watch the service online. We are called to serve God through our worship, edification of others, and spreading of the gospel.
