

No Place Left Army
Long-term Discipleship
The Church

I. Head.

A. Make at least five observations about each of the below verses. Read around each verse to make sure you know its context. Note: for this study, also choose a synonym for the word church in each verse listed.

Matthew 16.17-19

¹⁷ And Jesus said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Barjona, because flesh and blood did not reveal *this* to you, but My Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸ I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.”

Acts 2.47

Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 8.1-4

“Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death. And on that day a great persecution began against the church in Jerusalem, and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles.

² Some devout men buried Stephen, and made loud lamentation over him. “But Saul began ravaging the church, entering house after house, and dragging off men and women, he would put them in prison.”

Acts 9.31

“So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria enjoyed peace, being built up; and going on in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it continued to increase.”

Acts 11.26

“...and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. And for an entire year they met with the church and taught considerable numbers; and the disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.”

Acts 12.5

“So Peter was kept in the prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God...”

Acts 13.1

“Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers: Barnabas, and Simeon who was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul.”

Acts 14.23

“When they had appointed elders for them in every church, having prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord in whom they had believed.”

Acts 15.22

“Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas-- Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren...”

Acts 20.28

“Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.”

B. Find any additional verses you believe are necessary and make observations about them.

II. Heart.

A. Form conclusions about what the bible teaches on the Church. Group the conclusions into four categories:

- Truths: inescapable bible teaching that all believers must receive as correct
- Commands: inescapable biblical commands that all believers must obey
- Methods: ways that biblical commands were obeyed in the scriptures
- Convictions: statements that begin with “I believe.” They are truths for you, you think others should accept the truths, but you are not willing to say that all disciples must accept them.

B. How do your observations and conclusions make you feel?

III. Hands.

A. Write an application using SOS: Say, Obey Share.

What did God say to you?

What are you going to do to specifically obey him?

What will you share with others?