



### How to use Talk it Over:

Talking through the message during the week helps you and your family / friends turn what God is saying to you into action steps.

### Pastor Tim's Main Idea:

Some struggle with a belief that the church is the buildings or programs but rather it is the people of God, called out of the world into His Kingdom.

### Key Questions:

- What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
- Why do you come to church? What does it mean to you? What's the point for you?
- Do you find that your view of the church is more consumer-driven or mission-driven. Why do you feel that way?
- How does our understanding of the church's purpose effect how we do church?

### Next Steps

- What's one thing you will do this week as a result of something you learned from this message?
- When you come to church each week, pray that you will be a blessing to other instead of seeking a blessing.
- Choose to find a place where you can serve others in ministry- either at church or in the community.

### Daily Bible Readings

Learn more about what God's Word says about the purpose of the church by reading and talking over the following Bible passages this week.

- Day 1: Mark 8:34-35
- Day 2: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6
- Day 3: 2 Corinthians 3:7-18
- Day 4: Matthew 5:13-16
- Day 5: Acts 1:1-11
- Day 6: Acts 1:12-26
- Day 7: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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## Part 1: The Exposed Church



*"And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.'" Mark 8:34-35*

### Purpose of the Church

#### 1. History of the Church

1. The Church's Missional Focus
2. The Church's Political Power
3. The Church's Abuse of Power
4. The Church's Reformation
5. The Church's Desire for Freedom
6. The Church in the New World
7. The Church's Western Expansion
8. The Church's Theological Competition
9. The Church's Consumer Focus

#### 2. Definition of the Church

**Church:** kirche- the House of the Lord

**Church:** ek- out, kaleo- call- A People Called Out

*"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." Matthew 16:18*

*"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 9:31*

#### 3. Purpose of the Church

*"But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit." 2 Corinthians 3:18*