

The Need // Matthew 16
The Easter Challenge
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THE RESURRECTION DIDN'T JUST
CREATE BELIEVERS—
IT CREATED A COMMUNITY

1. _____ : Jesus established the church.

Matthew 16:17-18

ekklesia—a gathering, an assembly of people.

2. _____ : We are designed for each other.

Romans 12:4-5

When we disconnect from the Body of Christ:

1. We lose perspective.
2. Your thinking goes unchallenged.
3. You forget what's actually true about God and yourself.

Colossians 3:16

3. _____ : God works through His church.

Hebrews 10:25

Matthew 18:20

Questions for Further Study

1. Read Matthew 16:13–20. What does Peter’s confession reveal about the foundation of the church?
2. How does understanding the church as people (ekklesia)—not a place—change the way we view participation?
3. Read Romans 12:4–5. What does it practically mean that “each member belongs to all the others”?
4. Why is it impossible to fully live out the metaphor of the “body of Christ” alone?
5. Why does “Church hurt” hurt so bad?
6. Why is healing often tied to re-engaging in community rather than withdrawing from it?