

A FRESH LOOK AT JESUS' CHURCH

The church belongs to Jesus Christ. What did He intend?

DISCUSSION GROUP NOTES

*The health of the local church depends on the willingness of its members to inspect their hearts, correct their thinking, and apply their hands to the work of ministry. From *What Is a Healthy Church Member*, page 15*

1. How long have you been part of First Baptist? What do you especially like about this church?
2. Have you ever been part of a church that was “sick” or dying? What do you think caused the decline? What could have been done to make it healthy again?
3. Read Matthew 16:13-18 together. How are our many church options today like (or unlike) ancient Caesarea Philippi? How does this Scripture speak to American Christianity here and now?
4. What are the three foundational truths about Jesus' church in Matthew 16:18? Which one especially struck you? Explain.
5. Read the quote above from *Healthy Member*. Do you agree? Would you add something more to or leave something out of his statement?