

**INTRODUCTION**

- \* Two weeks ago we began considering "The Marks of a Healthy Church."
- \* We began the series where most people would consider the "Beginning of the Church" - Acts 2, on the day of Pentecost. We continued on into chapter 4 because of the similar building blocks which were evidenced in the early church.
- \* In my own mind, I have seen four major areas in which the church functions - which I have referred to as "The Armada of the Church." The Four 'Ships' of the Church are: Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and Stewardship. Worship is our adoration and praise to God for who He is and what He has done. Discipleship is the process of training, and equipping, others in teachings of our Messiah (this includes 'evangelism' which is many times separated into its own category). Fellowship, as David discussed last week, is our association with one another in a common venture - and that venture is serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Stewardship is the conducting, supervising, or managing of something entrusted to one's care.
- \* In the first message, David presented that the foundation of the church is the Messiah, Jesus. As Paul stated to the Corinthians: "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 3:11) He then went on to share some of the building blocks that were placed upon that foundation.
- \* Today, we want to drop back - in a sense - to the teachings of Jesus Himself in order to see what He declared regarding this new work, or dispensation, which was about to begin after His death, burial and resurrection.

**INSTRUCTION****I. THE CONTEXT****A. Jesus Ministry (Matthew 13-16)****B. Mt. Hermon's History****II. THE QUESTIONS****A. Who Do Men Say That I Am?** (cf. 2 Corinthians 11:1-4,13-15)**B. Who Do You Say That I Am?****APPLICATIONS**

WORSHIP (John 4:22-24; Matthew 7:15-23)

FELLOWSHIP (2 Cor 6:14-18)

**II. THE DECLARATIONS****A. The Establishment of the Church**

1. IT WOULD BE FOUNDED \_\_\_\_\_
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**B. The Advance of the Church** (cf. Ephesians 6:10-20)**C. The Authority of Peter** (cf. Acts 2:14-41; 5:1-11; ... John 20:19-23; Matthew 18:15-20)**APPLICATIONS**

DISCIPLESHIP (cf. Matthew 28:18-19; Colossians 1:12-14)

STEWARDSHIP (cf. 1 Corinthians 4:1-2)

**INTROSPECTION**

- \* WHO IS JESUS TO YOU?
- \* WHAT ARE YOU DOING WITH THE TRUTH, POWER AND AUTHORITY WHICH CHRIST HAS GRANTED THE CHURCH?
- \* HOW ARE WE - AS A CHURCH - DOING IN OUR STEWARDSHIP OF THAT TRUTH, POWER AND AUTHORITY?
- \* WHO'S CHURCH DO YOU VIEW THIS ASSEMBLY TO BE? IS IT CHRIST'S CHURCH?
- \* IS THERE A NEED TO CHANGE THE WAY YOU THINK ... AND, THEREFORE, THE WAY YOU ACT?

**INTERACTION ... Thoughts & Questions to ponder for later discussion**

- \* What are practical ways that we - individually and corporally - can advance the Kingdom of God into the realm of darkness?