

Review

Love God

Build the Church

- Matthew 16:13-20
- What is the Church? (universal and local)
- Who builds the church? Jesus (through His person, work, and Spiritual calling)

How does Jesus build His Church?

- Oikodomeo - edify, build, build up; of the construction of a house or other structure
- Jesus has decided to ordinarily build His church by preaching the Gospel and exercising Spiritual gifts by us!
- 1 Corinthians 3:5-17
- 1 Corinthians 14:1-6
- Ephesians 4:11-16
- This is not separate from Jesus' work, but the very way in which He works Jesus builds His Church through His finished work - - in vital connection with:
  - Calling His people through our proclamation
  - Serving His people through our gifts
  - Suffering for His people through us (Col1:24-29)

Thus, we have an amazing, Jesus-designed and empowered privilege of being co-laborers in the work of building the Church

Application

- Genuine and mature love for Jesus is bound to a passion for building His Church.

- Reflection: how do you think about the Church, and what is your level of motivation to toil for her?
- Nothing less than worship of Jesus is sufficient to energize us to the need at hand.

Conclusion: How will we pursue this endeavor?

- by making and maturing Disciples of Christ
- by equipping and serving the Body of Christ