

# WHAT JESUS DECLARED THE CHURCH TO BE!

Matthew 16:13-25

Church: A group of people who find themselves in a new relationship with one another because of their new relationship with Jesus Christ!

I. JESUS DECLARED THE CHURCH TO BE A PROGRESSIVE CHURCH! V18 (I Peter 2:5; Matthew 16:24)

A. The only thing that stands between us and a progressive church is a lack of commitment!

II. JESUS ALSO DECLARED THE CHURCH TO BE AN AGGRESSIVE CHURCH! (v18) (II Timothy 3:13; Matthew 16:21-23)

A. What stands between us and an aggressive church is a lack of courage!

III. JESUS ALSO DECLARED THE CHURCH TO BE AN ILLUMINATING CHURCH! V19

A. What stands between us and an illuminating church is not taking up the challenge!