



In **Matthew 16:18**, Jesus made a promise:

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my _____,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

Were you listening carefully? Who does the church belong to? The church belongs to _____!

But what is the church?

Do you know what the word “church” means? It doesn’t mean building or club or team. “Church” means “_____ out.” Have you ever been “called out” of class for a fire drill? Your school might have a bell that rings to “call you out” for lunch or recess.



Jesus’ church is a group of “called out” _____.

But called **how**? By **who**? **Why**? **Where** to? God’s people are:

- Called by the _____.

To this he called you through our gospel... (**2 Thes 2:14**)

- Called out of _____, into light.

...him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (**1 Pet 2:9**)

- Called to _____ Jesus.

...you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
(**1 Cor 1:9**)

The church is people who have decided to listen to the Bible’s call to be disciples of Jesus (**Matt 28:18-20**). **But what’s a disciple?** We’ll talk about that in our next class.