**Build Your Church** *(Graphic)*

**Home**

(Matthew 16:13-18)

“When Jesus came to the region of **Caesarea Philippi**, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “**You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God**.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are **Peter**, and on this **rock** I will **build my church**, and **the gates of Hades will not overcome it**.”

Five reasons people call church “home”:

1. Place
2. Personality
3. Programs
4. People
5. Position

None of these reasons are **negative**.

Each reason comes with an inherent resistance to **change**.

“When my reason for connection experiences change, I feel less connected and a bit **disoriented** at church.”

A better reason to call church “home”: **PURPOSE.**

If **purpose** is your reason for connection, it will allow for **change** in any of the other five reasons.

A great **commitment** to the **Great Commandment** and the **Great Commission** will build a **great church**!

Our purpose:

Love **God**. Love **People**. Love **sharing** God with people.