



## Invitation

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Stepping Stones Community Church

### 1. Jesus predicts the church

- Jesus didn't predict a place
- Jesus predicted a people

*"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> "Well," they replied, "some say John the Baptist, some say Elijah, and others say Jeremiah or one of the other prophets." <sup>15</sup> Then he asked them, "But who do you say I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, "You are blessed, Simon son of John, because my Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being. <sup>18</sup> Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*

**Matthew 16:13-18 NLT**

### 2. The church begins and grows

- Locally
- Nationally
- Around the world

*<sup>18</sup> Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."*

**Matthew 28:18-20 NLT**

*<sup>41</sup> Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all... <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.*

**Acts 2:41, 47 NLT**

### 3. The church movement stalls

*... I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*

**Matthew 16:18 NLT**

### 4. You are invited by Jesus

- To believe and follow
- To make disciples
- To be a part of God's church

### Two Questions:

1. What is God inviting me to do?
2. What is my next step to accepting God's invitation?

### Next Steps:

- ☐ I will answer the "Two Questions" as I review my personal faith journey this week
- ☐ Receive Jesus as my Savior and Lord and give my life to him
- ☐ Read / meditate on Matthew 28:18-20
- ☐ Commit to be a part of God's church
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