

## WEEK 8

### How to live with the Family of God.

This week memorize Matthew 16:18. *“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not overcome it.”*

## DAY ONE

### What did Jesus think about the church?

**PRAYER** – Father thank You for the church, which is made up of those who have received Christ as Savior. Help me to love my church and also learn to serve You through it. Thank You that You have put people from my church in my life that are like family. Help me to encourage those who attend with me. Help me to love the church like you do. In Jesus Name, Amen.

**WORD** – Read Ephesians 5:25. *“Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.”*

This passage clearly tells us that Christ loved the church. The church is made up of people. People like you and me who have received Christ into their lives. The word “church” is used almost 100 times in the New Testament. Over 90 of those times it refers to a local group of people who get together for worship and fellowship and sharing the Gospel with their world. It was important that they get together. Jesus loves that group of people. They are a part of His family. He loves them so much that He died for them. What does Jesus think about the church? He thinks they are so special they he was willing to die for them.

**CHALLENGE** – How faithful are you to your church? Do you even know what your church does? Do you even know the people of your church? This week take some time to get familiar with your own church. If you don’t have a church, find one that tells people about Jesus and become a part of it. Learn to love it just like Jesus did.