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Why is the Local Church Important?

The Church – Part 1

1 Timothy 3:15 "I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

What's So Important About the Local Church?

1. **The Church is What God Has** _____
(Matthew 16:13-18)
*Whose church this is: "I will build _____ church"
2. **The Church** _____
(Matthew 16:18)
3. **The Church is God's Plan 'A' for** _____
(Hebrews 10:24-25, 13:7)
4. **The Church is the** _____
(Matthew 16:19)

Matthew 16:13-18 "When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?"¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."