



I 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.” 提摩太前书 3:15 倘若我耽延日久，你也可以知道在神的家中当怎样行，这家就是永生神的教会，真理的柱石和根基。

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.” 马太福音 16:13 耶稣到了凯撒利亚腓立比的境内，就问门徒说：“人说我人子是谁（有古卷无“我”字）？”16:14 他们说：“有人说是施洗的约翰，有人说是以利亚，又有人说是耶利米或是先知里的一位。”16:15 耶稣说：“你们说我是谁？”16:16 西门彼得回答说：“你是基督，是永生神的儿子。”16:17 耶稣对他说：“西门巴约拿，你是有福的！因为这不是属血肉的指示你的，乃是我在天上的父指示的。16:18 我还告诉你：你是彼得，我要把我的教会建造在这磐石上，阴间的权柄不能胜过他（“权柄”原文作“门”）。

What’s So Important About the Local Church? 地方教会有什么重要性？

1. The Church is What God Has PROMISED TO BLESS 教会是神应许祝福的地方
马太福音 16:13-18

*Whose church this is: “I will build MY church” “这是谁的教会”“我要建立我的教会”

2. The Church WILL BE VICTORIOUS （神的）教会将战胜一切阴间的权柄
马太福音 16:18

3. The Church is God's Plan 'A' for REACHING THE WORLD 教会是神的“A”计划- 是为了传神之道

希伯来书 10:24 又要彼此相顾，激发爱心，勉励行善。10:25 你们不可停止聚会，好像那些停止惯了的人，倒要彼此劝勉。既知道（原文作“看见”）那日子临近，就更当如此。

希伯来书 13:7 从前引导你们、传神之道给你们的人，你们要想念他们，效法他们的信心，留心看他们为人的结局。

4. The Church is the EARTHLY EXPRESSION OF HEAVEN 教会体现出天堂的样式

马太福音 16:19 我要把天国的钥匙给你，凡你在地上所捆绑的，在天上也要捆绑；凡你在地上所释放的，在天上也要释放。”