

SIMPLY JESUS

Out With the Old, In With the New

Introduction:

Most often when the word, *church* is mentioned we think about a location, a denomination or a particular type. Just what was it that Jesus had in mind when he talked about His church? 2019 could be the year where we stop *going to* and start *becoming*. Jesus Christ launched a movement to change the world. Discover where you fit in!

Scriptures:

Acts 9:5-6

Matthew 16:13-18-NKJV

Discussion Questions:

Yet against all odds, by the third century, Christianity had become a force to be reckoned with. We still do not really understand how this came about. - Karen Armstrong

1. What are some of the reasons that the church of the first century became an unstoppable and irresistible force?
2. How has the concept of *the church* shifted from what Jesus originally intended?
3. What are some of the things that the church must rediscover in order to be effective in the present culture? (See Acts 2:38-47)
4. What are some practical things that the individual members must do in order for our church to fulfill it's purpose here in the DMV?

Moving Forward: Join The (*Ekklesia*) Movement:

- We Are Moving
- We Are Making A Difference
- We Have A Mission
- We Have Passion

Changing Your Mind:

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.