



# The Grove

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## LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 05.07.23 Pulpit Curriculum

### The Ascended Christ Builds the Church & Heaven

#### A Biblical Theology

#### I. Christ Built the World in Six Days (John 1:3)

- A. All things were created by and through Jesus Christ (Col 1:16-18) and we must acknowledge the plain & straightforward testimony of scripture. It is still unimaginable the expanse of what Christ created in 6 days. Jesus Christ was a builder before the foundation of the earth and He upholds it by the power of His word. He is the founder and perfecter of our faith.
- Is it hard for you to believe that Jesus created the world in 6 literal days? What are some aspects of creation that are unimaginable, leaving us in awe of our creator's power? \_\_\_\_\_
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#### II. Christ has Built the Way to Heaven (Heb 10:20)

- A. Jesus Christ is the Way – a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil of His flesh
- B. The End/Goal is not just about heaven – it's also about a life of confidence, assurance, and holding fast (Heb 10:19, 22, 23).
- C. The pavement stones (means) of the path includes stirring one another to love and good deeds, assembling, and encouraging one another (Heb 10:24-25)
- Do you know that you are on the Way (in Christ) to heaven? How do you have the confidence, assurance – holding fast to the confession of our hope? \_\_\_\_\_
  - What are some tangible ways our lives can be pavement stones of the way through Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
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#### III. Christ is Building the Church (Matt 16:18)

- A. Upon the foundation of the gospel of Jesus Christ as our Messiah, He is building His church. Our role in the church is to help others grow in Christ: disciple-making. Disciple-making at the Grove is not a built-on mechanical connection through a program, but is built on the basis of relationships.
- B. How Christ Builds His Church:
1. Through Christ as the Head – the cornerstone (Eph 1:20-23; 1 Pet 2:6, 7)



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2. Through the word (1 Tim 3:17)
  3. Through distribution of spiritual gifts (Eph 4:7-10)
  4. Through one another (See Point IV)
- How do you personally pursue Christ as the cornerstone? Through a vertical relationship with Christ, how are you ready to be used in the body of the church? Are you ready? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - What gifts do you have that are not currently building up the church? What are some steps you can take to take up the goods works (service) that you are called to as part of the body? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## IV. Christians Build Up One Another (Eph 2:19-22)

- A. We are living stones, connected to the chief cornerstone to build-up & edify, into a holy temple in the Lord, all members of the household of God. Below are a few ways that we build each other up in Christ.
1. Love – 1 Cor 8:1
  2. Prophecy (preaching/teaching) – 1 Cor 14:4
  3. Equipping – Eph 4:12
  4. Gracious Speech – Eph 4:29
  5. Encouraging – 1 Thes 5:11
- How would you grade yourself on building others up? How are you fulfilling the one-anothers of the NT church? \_\_\_\_\_  
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  - Who are you taking spiritual responsibility for? What are some steps you can take this week to build others up in Lifegroup, ministry area, family? \_\_\_\_\_  
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## V. Christ is Building a New Heaven and a New Earth (John 14:2, 3)

- A. Jesus is preparing a physical place for us. If Jesus created the world in 6 days, imagine what He has prepared for almost 2 thousand years.
- Meditate on the work of Christ and the place He is preparing for those who call upon the name of Jesus.