



**Week of September 26, 2021**

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Imagine an alien landed in our neighborhood, walked up to you and asked, "What is a church?" What answer would you give them?
2. Paul gave this definition of a church: "A church is a movement of people changed by the resurrection of Jesus and driven by the command of Jesus." How does that definition line up (or not line up) with your church experience?
3. Read John 13:34-35. Jesus' words were laying the foundation for the first generation church. What is it about these statements that radically shaped the disciple's view of this new gathering?
4. When you contrast the Cycle of Accumulation (more, better, different) vs. the Cycle of Significance (Give, Serve, Love) -- which cycle do you tend to complete? What will need to change in your thinking and actions?
5. Paul said "This church will only be as generous and loving as we are." What will you do personally to live out being FOR others? What sacrifices are you willing to make this month to begin?

6. When you think personally and talk as a group, how will you engage in the Give, Serve and Love challenges in this series. How can your group join in this challenge together?

### **Moving Forward**

Remind yourself daily that "I am the church."

***I AM THE CHURCH...***

***What I am, the Church is...***

***When I serve, the Church serves...***

***When I reach out, the Church reaches out...***

***When I give, the Church gives..***

***When I love, the Church loves...***

***And when I don't, the Church doesn't...***

***I AM THE CHURCH!***

### **John 13:34-35**

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

### **1 Timothy 6:17-19**

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.