

NS LIFE GROUPS

Ekklesia- Week 4- The Church on the Move!

Matthew 16:13-18

August 4, 2019

Main Idea: God is always on the move, and He is looking for a people who will move with Him!

Icebreaker: What is the most incredible monument or memorial that you have ever seen in person? If you could travel anywhere in the world to see a specific monument or sight, where would you want to go and why?

Study: Ekklesia is a Greek word meaning “called out ones.” It is the Greek word that the New Testament uses for “church.” The church is not a **monument** to God. It is a **movement** of God’s people with Him!

Review the lists below and then discuss the following questions:

Differences between viewing church as a monument vs a movement

Monument:

- Temporary
- About the Past
- Refuses to Change
- Controlled by Environment
- Passive
- Immobile
- Set in its ways

Movement:

- Eternal
- Focuses on the Future
- Always Changing
- Sets the temperature
- Aggressive
- On the Move
- Flexible

1. **What are some ways that churches act more like monuments than movements? What does that look like when it’s lived out in the life of a church?**
2. **What does a church focused on being a movement look like in the way it operates and does ministry? What do the hearts and lives of those people look like?**
3. **What, at the root, is the reason for churches drifting more toward being a monument than a movement? (*forgotten the urgency of the gospel; forgotten who God has called the church to be, etc.*)**

Application:

1. **How does your thinking need to change, or what step of obedience do you need to take after this lesson?**
2. **What do we need to commit to praying for Northstar based on today’s discussion?**

Close your group time with prayer for each other’s prayer requests and with some intentional time of praying for Northstar to be a church that is on the move with God.