



## STARTING POINT INVITATION

May 19 – May 20, 2018

### **WHEN IT COMES TO THE CHURCH...**

#### **1. JESUS C\_\_\_\_\_ IT.**

“...and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it,” (Matthew 16:18 NIV).

#### **2. JESUS C\_\_\_\_\_ IT.**

“Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age,”

(Matthew 28:18-20 NIV).

#### **3. JESUS C\_\_\_\_\_ IT.**

“My task is to bring out in the open and make plain what God, who created all this in the first place, has been doing in secret and behind the scenes all along. Through followers of Jesus like yourselves gathered in churches, this extraordinary plan of God is becoming known and talked about even among the angels! All this is proceeding along lines planned all along by God and then executed in Christ Jesus,”

(Ephesians 3:9-11 MSG).

#### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you associate with the word, “church”?
2. What are some things people think make them unworthy or disqualified from being fully engaged in the mission of the church? In light of Paul’s story, how might God use those parts of their stories to draw others to him?
3. What are some things you can do to better understand how to use your strengths, weaknesses, and experiences to help draw others toward him?
4. What is your best next step for engaging more fully in the mission of the church? Putting your faith in Christ? Baptism? Serving on a team? Giving? Inviting a friend? How can this group support you as you take that next step?

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