

What Kind of Church?
New Thing
August 14, 2022

1. Review from last week... Describe what a Christian looks like.
2. Read Luke 6:40 Describe a disciple of Christ...
Disciple = learner-pupil-apprentice-adherent-follower
3. Discuss Journey's mission statement...
To make disciples of Jesus who love God, love people and serve the world.
4. Discuss the following statement by Pastor John... **People who were nothing like Jesus, liked Jesus.** Here's why... *He [Jesus] canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.* (Colossians 2:14 NLT)
5. Karen Armstrong said... "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." Why do you think that Christianity became a force to be reckoned with?
6. *"And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."* Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah. (Matthew 16:18-20)
Question: What is Jesus talking about in this passage?
Question: What is this Rock?
Question: How has the kingdom of heaven affected you?
7. Discuss the following statement by Pastor John **"Jesus wasn't talking about a place people would come to. Jesus was promising a people that would go out. He was talking about a *body*—a body of people who would be committed to this one big idea: that Jesus is the Christ, the Savior, the Messiah, the Lord of all, the Son of the living God.**
Question: How this one big idea of who Jesus is changed your life and changed the life of other people you know?
8. *...He has risen just as He said...* (Matthew 28:6)
Question: How has your belief in the resurrection affected your belief in Jesus?
9. **Question: What kind of church is Journey?**
This is who we are...We're a Jesus-following, disciple-making church that Jesus promised and that His resurrection makes a reality.