

“10 let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole.

11 This is the ‘stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.’

12 Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”
Acts 4:10-12

- B.** Jesus is the unstoppable constructor of the church.
“...I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.” Matthew 16:18b

“5 Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one?

6 I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase.

7 So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase.

8 Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.”
I Corinthians 3:5-8

III. LET’S GO AND DISTRIBUTE JESUS’ KEYS

- A.** The key into heaven is the Gospel.
“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,...” Matthew 16:19a

“ For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.”

Romans 1:16

- B.** Believing the Gospel opens up heaven.
“...and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Matthew 16:19b

GAME TIME! LET’S GO!

GET IN THE GAME Game Time! Let’s Go! Pastor Steve Reynolds

INTRODUCTION

- A.** Football season is here! Football is 22 people on the field who desperately need a break being watched by thousands of people in the stands who desperately need exercise.

Sadly this sounds a lot like the Church.
20% of the people doing 80% of the work.

WE NEED EVERYONE TO GET IN THE GAME.

Not everyone is gifted to play football, but everyone is gifted to serve God.

“As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” I Peter 4:10

- B.** God doesn’t want you sitting on the bench or hanging out on the sidelines. He wants you in the game using your gifts to minister to others. Our Get In The Game Teaching Series will show you four “moves” to make for winning at serving.

Aug 20 Join Our T.E.A.M.!

Aug 27 Let God’s Spirit “Move In”

Sep 3 Let The Pastors “Move Over”

Sep 10 Let The People “Move Up”

Sep 17 Let The Church “Move Forward”

TODAY Game Time! Let’s Go!

C. TEXT: Matthew 16:13-19

Jesus is committed to the church.

“...Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,”

Ephesians 5:25b

HOW TO PREPARE FOR GAME TIME! LET'S GO!

I. LET'S GO AND PROCLAIM JESUS' NAME

- A. Jesus' Question: Who do you think I am?
When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" Matthew 16:13

"7 For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

8 Look to yourselves, that we do not lose those things we worked for, but that we may receive a full reward.

9 Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.

10 If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him;

11 for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds."
II John 7-11

- B. The Disciples' Answer:

- A Perplexing Choice:
"So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." Matthew 16:14

"19 Therefore there was a division again among the Jews because of these sayings.

20 And many of them said, "He has a demon and is mad. Why do you listen to Him?"

21 Others said, "These are not the words of one who has a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?"
John 10:19-21

- A Personal Confession:
"He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Matthew 16:15

"that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."
Romans 10:9

- A Proper Conclusion:
"Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God,

3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world."
I John 4:1-3

- C. Jesus' Response: Salvation comes through supernatural revelation.
"Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven." Matthew 16:17

II. LET'S GO AND BUILD JESUS' CHURCH

- A. Jesus is the solid rock of the church.
"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, ..." Matthew 16:18a

"25 As Peter was coming in, Cornelius met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him.
26 But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I myself am also a man." Acts 10:25-26