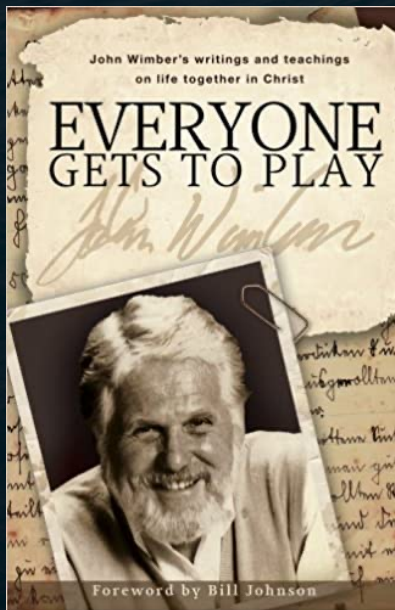




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"Everybody gets to play."

John Wimber (1934 – 1997)

*“God has given us a **vision**
to see the **body** of Christ **move**
from being an **inactive audience**
to a **Spirit filled army** ...
God is about to unleash
a powerful **outpouring** of the **Holy Spirit**
of an **unprecedented** magnitude ...
He is **looking** for individuals who will
be “**dread champions**” for his cause.”*

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**MESSAGE 9:
WHAT IS CHURCH?**

*Where does the word
“church” come from
and what does it mean?*

When *Jesus* came to Caesarea Philippi,
he *asked* his disciples this *question*:

“What are the people *saying* about *me*, the Son of Man?

Who do *they* believe (*say*) I am?

They (*disciples*) answered,

“Some are convinced you are *John* the Baptizer, others say
you are *Elijah* reincarnated, or *Jeremiah*, or one of the prophets.”

“But *you* – who do *you* say (*believe*) that I am?” Jesus asked.

Simon Peter spoke up and said,

“You are the *Anointed One*, the Son of the living God!”

Matthew 16:13-16 TPT



*Jesus replied,
"You are **avored** and privileged **Simeon**, son of Jonah!
For you didn't **discover** this on your own,
but my **Father** in heaven has supernaturally **revealed** it to you.
I give you the name **Peter**, a stone (**pebble**).
And this **rock** (discovery and confession)
will be the **bedrock foundation** on which
I will build **my church** (**ekklesia**) – my legislative assembly,
And the power of **death** will not be able to **overpower** it.
I will give you the **keys** (ruling power) of heaven's **kingdom** realm
to forbid (**bind**) on **earth** that which is forbidden (**bound**) in heaven,
And to release (**loose**) on **earth** that which is **released** in heaven."*

Matthew 16:17-19 TPT



Ek-klesia
Jesus' "called out" ones
God's "chosen" people

*Where do we see
the first “church”
and what did they do?*

Every believer was *faithfully* devoted to *following* the teachings of the apostles. Their *hearts* were *mutually linked* to one another, sharing *communion* and coming together *regularly* for prayer.

A deep sense of *holy awe* swept over everyone, and the apostles *performed* many miraculous *signs* and *wonders*.

All the *believers* were in *fellowship* as one body, and they *shared* with *one another* whatever they had.

Out of *generosity* they even *sold* their assets to *distribute* the *proceeds* to those who were *in need* (poor) among them.

Daily they *met together* in the temple courts and in one another's *homes* to celebrate communion.

They *shared meals* together with *joyful hearts* and tender humility.

They were *continually filled* with *praises* to God,

And the Lord kept *adding* to their number *daily* those who were coming to life (*being saved*).

Acts 2:42-47 TPT



ELEMENTS OF “BEING” THE CHURCH

- Devoted to **obeying** Jesus.
- Hearts were “**mutually linked.**”
- Shared **communion** and **meals** in homes.
- Gathered **regularly** for **prayer.**
- Performed **signs** and **wonders.**
- Demonstrated **generosity** that earned **favor.**
- Continually **filled** with **praise** to God.
- Focused on the **Harvest** (Lost Sheep).

And you are *living stones*
that God is *building* into his spiritual temple.
What's more, you are his *holy* priests (*priesthood*).
... for you are a *chosen people*.
You are *royal priests* (*holy priesthood*), a holy nation,
God's own possession (*peculiar people*).
As a *result*, you can show (*demonstrate to*)
others the *goodness* of God (i.e., *chief cornerstone*),
for he (*Jesus*) *called* you *out of darkness*
into his *wonderful* (marvelous) *light*.
"Once you had *no identity* as a people;
now you are *God's people*.
Once you received *no mercy*;
now you have received *God's mercy*."

1 Peter 2:5-9 NLT



*"The church is not the building,
it's the people,
its not just the gathering,
its also the scattering."*

John Wimber (1934 – 1997)

DISCOVERY BIBLE STUDY

THE QUESTIONS JESUS ASKED

and what he wanted us to know.

Read Mark 10:46-52

DBS: Mark 10:46-52 (7 verses; 3 translations)

Question: *"What do you want me to do for you?"*

A sailboat with a large blue sail is sailing on the ocean. The boat is white and has several people on board. The background shows a hazy coastline with mountains under a clear sky. The entire scene is framed by a white border.

RAISING SEVEN SAILS FOR MOVEMENT

1. Focus on God's Word
2. Multiply Extraordinary Prayer
3. Cast Vision to Believers
4. Train Believers to Go Out
5. Go Out Among the Lost
6. See Discovery Groups Start
7. Ongoing Coaching