



for the 563k Victory Church

Leader Conversation Guide – For the 563K: Who Needs the Church?

Main Idea

The local church was never intended to be a building, an event, or a gathering designed solely for those already inside. Jesus envisioned a movement of people called out by God, united in purpose, and committed to reaching those who are far from Him. Throughout the New Testament, we see that the church exists not just for its members, but for those who have yet to experience the life-changing message of Jesus.

This week's message reminded us that the church is at its best when it remains focused on God's mission. We are called to be more than spectators—we are members of a spiritual family who encourage, support, serve, and grow together. As we begin our discussion, let's consider how we can help build a church culture that reflects the heart of Jesus and welcomes others into His family.

It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God.

ACTS 15:19

Make it Practical:

Jesus predicted a people, not a place.

- The church is a movement, not a monument. (Matthew 16:18)
- We are called together for God's mission.
- Church is more than attendance; it is participation.

The power of the local church is found in relationships.

- Our love identifies us as followers of Jesus. (John 13:35)
- We are called to carry one another's burdens. (Galatians 6:2)
- Christian community reflects God's heart to the world.

The church thrives when we practice "one anothering."

- Forgive one another. (Ephesians 4:32)
- Encourage one another. (Hebrews 3:13)
- Love one another. (John 13:35)

Talk About It

What are some ways churches can unintentionally become focused on insiders rather than people who are far from God?

How has being part of a church family helped you grow spiritually or overcome isolation?

Which of the "one another" commands do you find easiest to live out? Which is most challenging for you right now?

The church does not exist **solely for the sake of the people who are **inside**, but for those who are **not yet** inside.**

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for making us part of Your family. Help us to love Your church, serve others faithfully, and stay focused on Your mission. Give us hearts that welcome people, strengthen one another, and reflect the love of Jesus in everything we do. In Jesus' name, amen.

Next Steps

Read through the New Testament "one another" commands and choose one to practice intentionally this week.

Attend the Growth Track - First three Sundays, every month, during second service.

Ask God to show you how your gifts can strengthen the body of Christ and take one step to use them.

Evaluate whether your view of church is primarily about attending or belonging, and make a commitment to deeper engagement.