

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has lasting impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

The Power of the Church

We are not the same, and we are not equals. From the beginning, God created us male and female. Some of us are morning people, others are night owls. Some are cautious and others impulsive. We are different races, different ages, have different interests and personalities. In Sioux Falls alone there are over 100 different languages spoken!

Acts 2:1-16; James 2:1-7

The power of God is NOT found in likeness. It's found in diversity working in unity, as ONE. We're not the same, but we are one. We're not equals, but we are to love like it. With this understanding, there are **Three Truths about the Church:**

1. **The Church was CREATED by God.** This church, Celebrate, was God's idea. Do you come to church with your own ideas of what church should be? Do you come with your own agenda? Do you want to see what God can do when we are united as a church?
Acts 2:1-4; Proverbs 3:5-6; Matthew 16:18; Acts 2:41
2. **The church has ONE mission, to COMMUNICATE Jesus.** From the moment we were saved, we have one mission: to share His message with the world. Do you have any preconceived notions about having to dress in a certain manner, behave in a certain way at church?
Psalms 122:1; Ephesians 3:10
3. **This one mission to communicate Jesus can only be done in COMMUNITY.** We do it together. No divisions. No segregations. No prejudices. The witness of the gospel, who Jesus really is, is this life group. It's our church. How we interact with one another, regardless of our differences, is the fullness of the Gospel. Do we really love one another? Those who think differently? Act differently? Vote differently?
John 13:35; Matthew 5:46; Romans 5:8

Make it Real

- Pray for unity in our church.
- See people as Christ sees them.
- Love others as Christ loves us.