



I Love My Church
Discussion Questions
October 31, 2021

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility consider one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
Philippians 2:3–4

1. Ice breaker question: Have you been in a tough position, maybe been pressed down, stuck, unable to see the light at the end of the tunnel? What helped you get out?
2. Read Matthew 16:13–17. Who did the people of Caesarea say that Jesus was? Who does the world today say that Jesus is? Who do you say that he is? How is this reflected in your life?
3. Read Romans 8:35–39. We have the assurance that no matter what might happen to us we can never be separated from the love of God. How can our suffering draw us closer to Jesus? How does it help us to be more like him?
4. Read John 17:20–23. Jesus is praying here for both the Apostles and those who will come to believe in him because of them (which includes us.) What is Jesus' prayer for us? What is this important for the Church? Why is it important for those who are outside the Church? What are you doing to help ensure unity in the Church?
5. Read Matthew 16:18. Jesus gives us a guarantee that the gates of hell will not win against us. How can this help you on your journey with God?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 2:11. The enemy is known to scheme against us. What does this verse say about the believer? What can we do to arm ourselves against the schemes of the enemy?

7. In this first sermon of I Love My Church we learn that the Gate of Hell will not prevail. If you were to travel to Caesarea Philippi today, none of the temples still stand. What ways have you seen the Church prevail?

Call to action: Pray for someone in your life who needs to experience the unwavering love of Christ. Invite them to listen to Sunday's message on demand through our Crossroads Youtube Channel.