

# HOW TO LOVE LIKE JESUS

## STUDY GUIDE

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Matthew 16:18, Romans 10:14-15,

### Observation questions

1. According to Matthew 16:18, what does Jesus say He will build, and what is the result of that building?
2. What does the empty chair brought on stage represent about the purpose of the new building?
3. According to the message from Romans 10:14-15, what is the necessary chain of events that must happen for someone to call on the Lord to be saved?

### Interpretation questions

1. Jesus says the gates of hell will not prevail against what He is building. What does this imply about the nature of the battles the church (the people) will face, and what is the ultimate source of their victory?
2. Pastor Delicia stated, "The building is ready now. The church must be." What is the difference between a building being ready and the people being ready?
3. The message emphasized that spiritual maturity means moving "from being fed to helping feed others." What does this shift in focus look like in the daily life of a believer?
4. How does the concept of being "available and obedient," rather than perfect, change our understanding of what God requires to use us in His work?

# CAN YOU HANDLE THE WEIGHT?

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### Application questions

1. The building is a tool for mission, not the mission itself. What is one practical way you can use this new facility as a tool to intentionally pursue a relationship with someone who doesn't know Jesus?
2. Who is the "one" in your life—a coworker, family member, or neighbor—that God has placed on your heart to pray for and invite? What is a specific, next-step action you can take to engage them this week?
3. Readiness to be sent means being prepared to communicate faith clearly. What is one area in your understanding of the gospel or your personal story that you feel you need to grow in to be a more effective messenger?
4. Spiritual maturity involves a shift from attendance to service. What is one area of serving, inside or outside the church walls, that you feel God might be nudging you to say "yes" to, even if it feels inconvenient?
5. Generosity was presented as an engine for mission, not a trophy. In what way (presence, prayer, time, or finances) is God challenging you to be more generous for the sake of seeing lives changed?
6. The lobby is meant for healing conversations and the kids' rooms for discipling future leaders. How can you change your routine on a Sunday to be more intentionally available for people rather than rushing in and out?
7. The call is to let God deal with your attitude, not just your behavior. What is one attitude God is currently refining in you to make you more usable for His purposes?