



How God Builds

WEEK 4 DISCUSSION GUIDE

OVERVIEW

In the final message of the *Why God?* series, we will learn how God builds a life, a family, a church, and a people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Hebrews 3:4 (NKJV) clearly shows God as a builder: ***For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.*** God is not only a builder, but He also calls us to build, and He gives special instructions and clear details. Only what God builds will stand against the storms of life. When we understand how God builds, we can compare what we are building against what and how God builds. When they align, we will see growth and progression in life like we have never seen.

- Have you ever tried to build something and it failed? Why do you think it failed?
- Share a time when you were successful at building something. Why do you think it was successful?
- Why is God the only person who can build something strong enough to stand against the storms of life?

Matthew 16:18 (NKJV): ***“And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church [spiritual family], and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.”*** Spiritual family is that connection of relationships – founded on Christ – where we do life together, grow together, support, protect, and encourage one another.

How does God build His spiritual family?

1. God builds revelationally.
The foundation stone of how God builds spiritual family, His Church – is through the revelation of the true identity of Jesus Christ. This rock of revelation is something flesh and blood cannot convey. He starts with spiritually reborn people who see Him as Christ—for who He is—and receive His gift of salvation.

God builds on the Rock of Jesus being the Messiah, the Son of God. With Christ as the foundation, we have order instead of confusion, peace instead of senseless violence, answers instead of opinions, and hope instead of despair.

- Why is Jesus the foundation of spiritual family?

2. God builds relationally.

The revelation of Christ is where God begins to build His Church. Once we know the solid rock foundation of Jesus has been laid in our hearts, we must start building relationally. We were never meant to walk this road alone. If we are left to ourselves after coming to Christ, we will never grow spiritually.

- What are some potential outcomes of doing life alone?
- How can doing life with other believers help you grow spiritually?
- Why is our growth limited by doing life alone?

3. God builds generationally.

Revelational and relational “building” leads to generational building! **Psalm 127:3-5** says: ***Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.*** The house God builds is preserved, grown, and guarded by the children of the house. The weapons to defend God's house are spiritual sons and daughters. When the enemy attacks, it's the children who preserve the house and guard the gates.

- What are some things we can implement today that will affect the next generation?
- What can we do to invest in the next generation?

LIFE CHALLENGE

The quality of our lives is determined by the quality of our relationships—both with God, and with others. God builds all things on relational foundations. Only what God builds will stand. Ask God what your part is in spiritual family and start getting involved and growing.

PRAYER

You are our Rock, Jesus! We praise You for being our solid foundation. Guide us as we build relationships with others, and help us to grow into all that You desire for us to be—for You, for ourselves and for the generations to come. Amen. Pray for the specific needs of the group.