

# **Confessions & Convictions About Church**

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### **CHURCH HOPE VS. CHURCH HURT**

#### Conviction:

Jesus is the hope of the world, and the Church is who Christ empowers to show and tell His hope to the world.

#### Confession:

We've lost sight of Jesus' vision for the Church because we've become too self-absorbed.

### **THE CHURCH JESUS ENVISIONED AND COMMISSIONED**

*Matthew 16:13-19 NIV*

Location! Location! Location! ... Understanding Caesarea Philippi

Two Poignant Questions:

1. Who do people say that the Son of Man is? (Cultural)
2. Who do you say that I am? (Personal)

### **THE DEBATED "ROCK"**

What is the "rock" that Jesus was referring to when he said to Peter, "upon this rock I will build my church"?

Catholic View –

Protestant View –

The Third Option –

### **JESUS' VISION AND THE KEYS WE'VE BEEN GIVEN**

*1 Peter 2:9 NIV*

Responses:

1. Celebrate baptisms.
2. Receive Christ and be baptized.
3. Recommit to Christ.
4. Commit to Practicing Jesus in a Small Group.