I. Matt 16:13-19 - 3 Parts to building the “church”:
   A. “IN YOU” - Ability
   B. “WITH YOU” - Availability
   C. “BEYOND YOU” - Sustainability
      1. Matt 28:18-19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations
   D. It starts “IN YOU” (Ability) but needs to move to “WITH YOU” (Availability)
      1. Too much emphasis on “IN YOU” turns into “ABOUT YOU”
      2. The more introspective we become the more ineffective we can become
   E. With - Webster - Indicates a participant in an action, transaction, or arrangement

II. Eph 2:19-22 - 3 “Togethers” of the church
   A. Fellow citizens - sumpolites - Members of the same socio-political unit group; “crew”
   B. Members of the household - oikeios - One who belongs to a household or family.
   C. Jesus Christ Himself - the chief cornerstone - The stone set in the foundations at the corner to bind all together and to give the walls their line

III. 1st “Together” - FITTED TOGETHER
   A. Fitted together - sunarmologeo - To join together in a coherent and compatible manner
      1. Fitted - Webster - Uniquely shaped for a precise fit; custom
   B. 1 Peter 2:5 5 you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.
      1. Building with Brick vs. Stone
         a) Bricks are all the same shape and size - not unique
         b) A stone’s shape and size is unique so its place in the wall is unique
   C. Grows - auxo - to increase in the extent of or in the instances of an activity or state
      1. Ex: A wall “grows” as more stones find their place and get attached to it.
   D. 1 Cor 6:19-20 - Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit

IV. 2nd “Together” - BUILT TOGETHER
   A. Built together - sunoikodomeo - To undergo construction along with another; build into a unified whole
   B. Dwelling place - katoiketerion - Habitation, lives more than temporarily
      1. Matt 18:20 20 For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.
   C. Eph 2:21-22 TPT 21 This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself.
      22 This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you!
V. Eph 4:11-16
A. **Equipping** - *katartismos* - Bringing something to completion, completely furnished, adequate and qualified
B. **Edifying** - *oikodome* - Assisting with the construction of an incomplete building with the focus on the event of building and the result of building
C. **Joined** - *sunarmologeo* - To fit together or unite in a coherent and compatible manner

VI. 3rd “Together” - KNIT TOGETHER
A. **Knit together** - *sumbibazo* - To bring together into a unit or a combined whole; drive or force together
B. **By** - through or because of
C. **Joint** - *haphe* - Connective tissue; that which binds or joins together; ligament
D. **Supplies** - *epichoregia* - To furnish, provide or contribute
E. **Share** - *heis* - One; the smallest whole number, used to refer to a single person or thing.
   1. Part of our life fulfillment comes from what we **SUPPLY** not by what we **RECEIVE**.

VII. APPLICATION:
A. Where have you made your life too much about you? How can you change that with God?
B. You are not a generic brick but a unique stone that has a place where you “FIT”!
C. Are you BUILDING your section with others? Is there a gap you are supposed to work on?
D. Are you supplying your share to KNIT others together?
E. If everyone served and gave like you, what would the church be able to do? More or less?