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To the opening doors, to discipleship module on Jesus and the church in this module, we'll be exploring the questions who is Jesus to the church and who is the church to Jesus.

Any Feagins chapter five, we are told quote Christ is the head and savior of the church, which is his own body and quote, we, the people of God make up the body of Christ.

The church. The church is the community of believers brought together under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Christianity is a connective faith connecting us first to Jesus, our Lord and savior.

And secondly, to the larger Christian community of believers that we call the church. If we are the body, Jesus is the head.

Any Ephesians chapter one verses 22 and 23. We are told quote end. He has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body.

The fullness of him who fills all in all and quote, the church is completely dependent on Christ for its very existence.

It's growth and strength. Christ is the sovereign ruler of the church, guiding and directing the mission of the church. Believing this, we sing, my hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name on Christ. The solid rock I stand. All other ground is sinking sand.

All other ground is sinking sand. Let's listen to faith. Presbyterian church from blue Ridge, Georgia sing this part of the hymn.

The nice seen creed claims. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ. And we believe in one holy Catholic and apostolic church, one church.

How can that be? There are so many different denominations and ways of being church. Jesus Christ is what unifies the church.

While we are not unified over things like how we govern ourselves, the particular ways we live out our mission, or even what we believe about particular social and political issues.

The church in all its diversity is United through our commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and head of the church.



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Because of this, we claim we are one in the spirit. We are one in the Lord. We are one in the spirit. We are one in the Lord and we pray that all unity will one day be restored and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.

Yes they'll know we are Christians by our love. Let's listen to singers from west London, international church of Christ sing part of this, him What does it mean that the church is holy reformed theologian. Surely Guthrie says, quote, the church is distinguished or set apart as holy from other societies propose precisely in that it is a community of people who know they're sinners and freely admit they're not good or superior.

He goes on to describe the church as quote, a community of dissatisfied sinners who recognize their need for forgiveness and a desire to repent and change their ways.

The body says Guthrie is holy only because the head is the holy one. The church's mission then is to point to the one who is holy Jesus Christ by striving to turn from the ways of sin and the lives that reflect Jesus's self-giving love.

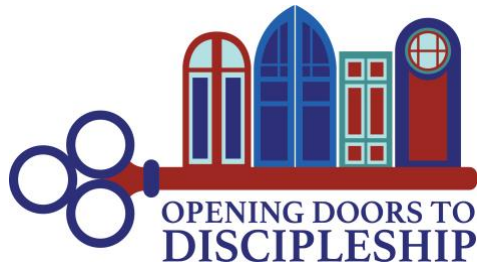
What does that look like? It is living as disciples of Jesus Christ each week as we leave worship, we are sent out into the world, reminded of the call of Christ to love God and neighbor.

We may sing a hymn such as this one. Lord, you give the great commission, heal the sick and preach the word less.

The church neglect its mission and the gospel go on hurt. Help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity with the Spirit's gifts, empower us for the work of ministry evasions for verses 11 through 16, remind us the Christian unity is a gift from Jesus Christ, but as also a calling to live in ways that unify instead of divide, that is what we mean when we use the term Catholic with a little C the word Catholic means universal or whole the reform church values accuminism and strives to work together with other denominations and bodies of believers to do the work that God has called us to do.

The body of Christ is inclusive. We valued diversity within our unity, recognizing that in Christ, there is no east or west in him, no south or north, but great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide or at baptism.

We are welcomed into God's family and called to live a life of service to Jesus Christ, serving as he served, loving God and our neighbor.



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This is what it means to be part of the apostolic church quote. After all the Christ is proclaimed in word and sacrament was the original apostle one sent by God into the world, not to be served, but to serve and give his life for many and quote.

That was from mark chapter 10, first 45. His followers heard him say not only come on to me, but also go as the father has sent me even.

So I send you first, Peter chapter two verse nine says, but you are a chosen race, a Royal priesthood, a holy nation God's own people in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The whole Christian Church as a corporate body has a calling as God's covenant people to proclaim Christ to the world, to love and serve others. And to pray for the world. This doctrine is called the priesthood of all believers, individual congregations carry out the mission and ministry of the whole church.

In particular ways. Since the church is made up of people, each of us is called a priest, carrying out our part in the mission has a child of God and member of the body of Christ.

Those are deigned to particular offices in the church have been called to those offices based on the gifts they've received from the holy spirit.

But each of us has received our own gifts and is called to use them to further the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in the world.

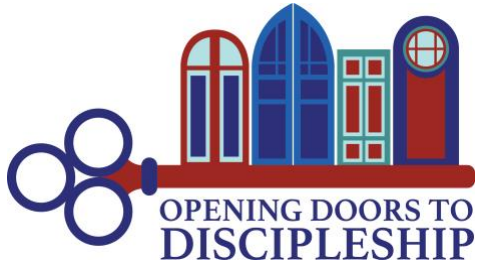
We renew our calling. Each time we sing called as partners in Christ service called to ministries of grace. We respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing side by side and friend with friend equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen ends.

Let's listen to singers from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in Owen sound, Ontario, Canada sing part of this hymn. The church may change and transform throughout time, but it will not die since Christ is head of the church.

Then the church is eternal. As Christ is eternal. We proclaim with the whole Christian Church that the church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord.

And remember that we have a future with hope. Thank you for watching this video. That was part of the Jesus and the church module.



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We invite you to continue to explore this topic by doing some of the reflection activities and continuing reading, following this video.