

I Will Build My Church

"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
— ***Jesus***

Sermon Questions

1. What is your greatest concern in the world today? _____
2. There is _____ since we know the war against Christ will fail, and he will build his church.

I. Promise Made (Matthew 16)

3. The gospels have two main divisions: Jesus' identity and Jesus' _____.
4. Upon what "rock" will Jesus build his church? (circle all that apply)
 - i. upon Peter (and the twelve);
 - ii. upon Peter's confession;
 - iii. upon his identity as the Christ, the Son of God.

II. Promise Begun (Ephesians 2)

5. The household of God (the church) is built through Christ's work on the _____.
6. The "gates of hell not prevailing" describes an offensive war where Christ plunders _____ kingdom.

III. Promise Expanding (1 Corinthians 3)

7. We are God's fellow workers, building the church by speaking the _____ of God.
8. What are the four ways in which Christ is building his church today?
 - i. Christ builds his church by adding to its _____;
 - ii. Christ builds his church by increasing its _____;
 - iii. Christ builds his church by improving its _____;
 - iv. Christ builds his church by strengthening its _____ and increasing its effectiveness.

IV. Promise Complete (Revelation 21)

9. Knowing the future victory, we should _____ (list at least 2 things).

Discussion/Meditation Questions

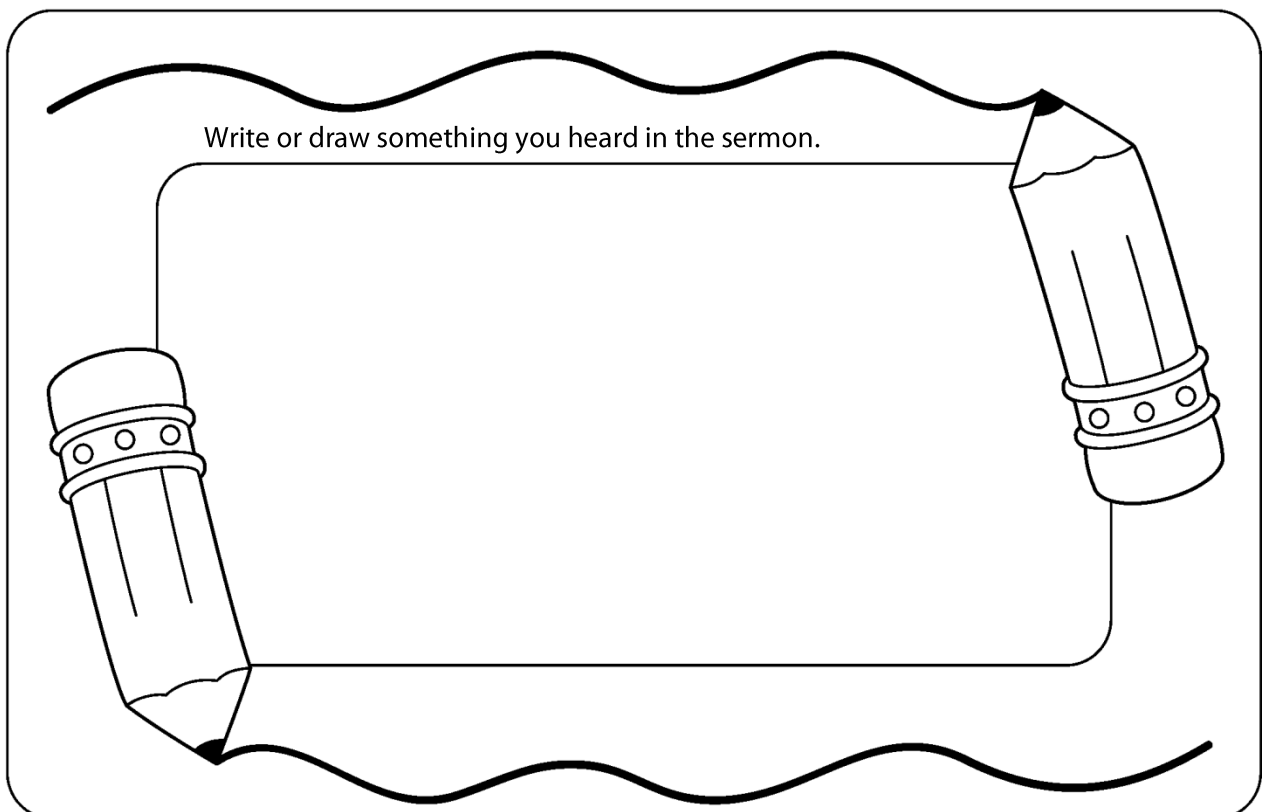
1. Would you describe yourself as an optimist or pessimist (a.k.a “realist”)? How should Christ’s promise(s) affect our future outlook? Can you list other promises that give us hope?
2. How do we affirm the importance of our labor in our homes, vocations, and in the world, at the same time of prioritizing the labor of building the church? Is this one and the same or different?
3. Can you make a list of how Christ has worked in and through you these past two years? Take time to praise him in prayer and encourage another brother or sister by sharing with them God’s faithfulness.
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon.