

THE **BIG** PICTURE

CHURCH



ERA/GENRE

Church

KEY FIGURE

Peter

LOCATION

Jerusalem

STORYLINE

Peter, shortly after the ascension of Jesus, is used by God to establish the church, God's next major plan for man.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." (Acts 2:42)

EXPANSION

1. Creation: Birth of the Church (Acts 1-5)
2. Growth: Organization of the Church (Acts 6)
3. Persecution: The first Christian martyr (Acts 7)

SIGNIFICANCE

My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

- 1) Read 1 Peter 2:9-10, Ephesians 1:22-23 and Ephesians 4:3. How is the Church described in these passages? What does this reveal about how God thinks about the Church?

- 2) Read through the following “one another” passages and write down how God is asking us to respond to one another next to each verse.
 - Ephesians 5:21
 - Colossians 3:13
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - Hebrews 10:24-25
 - James 4:11
 - 1 Peter 1:22, 4:9, 5:5
 - 1 John 3:11
 - John 13:34-35
 - Romans 12:10, 26, 14:13, 15:7, 16:6
 - Galatians 5:13
 - Ephesians 4:2, 32

- 3) Who are the people in your life that God may be asking you to apply these verses with? What needs to happen to make sure you are living this out with the “one another’s” in your life?



Memory Verse

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