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## SESSION 4: MISSIONAL COMMUNITY: WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

### Quotes

“... the church is not about constitutions or bylaws, nor about bumper stickers or t-shirts...”

“Building the church is not your job. It’s never been your job. And if you’re the one building the church, it’s not going to be worth it.”

“There is no force on earth capable of preventing the church from accomplishing the mission given to her through Jesus.”

“The church begins with Jesus in us.”

“Many of our churches are good on the ‘D’, good on the ‘N’, and need a kick in the ‘A’.

### Notes

Matthew 16

The biggest question we can ask: Who is Jesus?

Jesus said, “I will build my church” not “You will build my church”

Jesus said that the gates of hell will not prevail against the church. Gates are defensive. The church is offensive. There is no force on earth capable of preventing the church from accomplishing the mission given to her through Jesus.

There is power in presence of Jesus.

The DNA of the church: Divine Truth, Nurturing Relationships, Apostolic Mission.

You can’t program DNA into your church. It is worked in through relationships.

### Links

[Church Multiplication Associates](#)

Books by Neil Cole:

[\*Organic Church: Growing Faith Where Life Happens\*](#)

[\*Organic Leadership: Leading Naturally Right Where You Are\*](#)