

# Short Talk

(SHT014)

## Building a church

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## SHORT TALK: “BUILDING A CHURCH” (SHT014)

<b>Aim of Short talk:</b>	To show people that the Church is the people of God; called to worship, love each other and share the Gospel.
<b>Main themes:</b>	Church and its calling
<b>Biblical references:</b>	1Peter 2:4-5, 9, Ephesians 2:19-22, 4:15-16, Matthew 28:18-20, John 13:34-35
<b>Props:</b>	A cross

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Good morning.....

- I thought it would be fun to build a church this morning,
- so I need some helpers.

I need some children to help me,

- young people,
- adults of all ages;
- both men and women please.

*(Gather together about 12-15 people at the front of the church)*

That's great .....we have some good building blocks for our church here;

- but in order to start building we need the cornerstone,
- which is the most important stone.

Can anyone tell me who they think the Cornerstone might be? *(Receive answers)*

- Jesus is the cornerstone.

Because we can't see Jesus, although He is alive, we will use a cross to remind us of Jesus. *(pick up cross and show it to the congregation),*

- Let's put Jesus down as the first stone in our church building. *(Put the cross on the floor at the centre of where you ultimately want the group to stand)*

Now the Bible tells us that every person who follows Jesus is like a living stone in God's church.....

- and God is building us together.
- Let's show that by gathering our helpers together in a circle with Jesus at the centre. *(People make a circle around the cross)*

Great – we have our church.....

- A group of people who love and follow Jesus.

I wonder what God's purpose is for His church?

- To keep it really simple, we can use 3 short words to describe God's purpose for His church.
- Those words are UP,
- IN and
- OUT

So the first word – UP.

- Helpers, please could you all make sure that you are facing the cross....
- Now put up your hands.
- The first purpose of the church is that we WORSHIP GOD....

We are to love God,

- Praise Him,
- Obey Him and
- Serve Him.

Would you like to put your hands down?

- Now please can you all hold hands as we think about our second word, which is IN.

The second purpose of the church is that we LOVE ONE OTHER....

- and grow together as the people of God that we are.
- Jesus said that if we love one another, then people will know that we are His followers.

Would you like to drop your hands and face outwards.

- Now please can you put your hands out in front of you as we think about our third word, which is OUT?
- The third purpose of the church is that we SHARE THE GOOD NEWS ABOUT JESUS,
- with those people in the world who haven't heard it yet;
- the good news that Jesus loves them and died for their sins.

Would you like to put your hands down?

- We.....those of us who have chosen to follow Jesus..... are the church.
- All ages, all sizes, all backgrounds.

So let's all put our hands up as we remember that we are called to Worship God – UP.

- Let's all put our hands out to our sides as we remember that we are called to Love one another – IN.
- and finally Let's all put our hands out in front of us as we remember that we are called to share the good news about Jesus – OUT.
- UP, IN and OUT

Thank you helpers – would you like to sit down.