

## **ETHOS OF WALKING THE WAY: FAMILY TALK**

*NOTE: As with any Family talk, you need to make it relevant to the Church where it is being used, and also use the material according to your presentation style. On the powerpoint you will find images which may well be suitable, but amend it using images relating to the context you are speaking in. e.g. when a church building is referred to, use a picture of the actual building you are speaking in. Similarly when talking about people who are the real church, if possible use images of folk from the church you are in. Each \* shows when in the talk the powerpoint should be moved on. If you don't have access to Powerpoint, the crossword can easily be re-created on a flip chart.*

Encourage the younger folk to answer first, before the adults chip in!

START QUESTION: What do you think of when you hear the word Church?

Do these look like a church? \* (show photos of church buildings)

PROBLEM: Jesus said: I will build my church...

Is this what he had in mind... building something like this?

Can you imagine Jesus laying a concrete foundation... \*

Then cementing bricks on it \*

Putting in windows / doors etc \*

JESUS had something very different in mind... not a building at all.

He had in mind a group of people

When Jesus talks about Church: he means a group of people \*

But not just any group of people.

**LET'S PLAY A GAME** to discover who they are.

*NOTE: Explain that each answer to the first set of clues should fit in a sentence along the lines of: "The church is made up of people who \*\*\*\*\* Jesus"*

*After each answer, give a brief explanation of the implications. e.g After 1 down: explain that the Church is made up of people who choose to follow Jesus. Ensure everyone knows what that means.*

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### \* CROSSWORD

1 Down: To go after

### ANSWER

Follow \*

8 Across: Celebrated on Valentines day

Love \*

9 Down: Do what you are told

Obey \*

3 Across: Express love and devotion

Worship \*

4 Down: Help with jobs

Serve \*

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> part of our quiz, we will discover who can be part of the Church.

2 Across: Early years of life

Young \*

6 Down: Been around a long time

Old \*

7 Across: Having lots of money

Rich \*

5 Across: Not having very many possessions

Poor \*

COMMENT: God wants *everyone* to be part of His Church but He leaves us to choose whether or not we want to.

But once we join that amazing group of people:

We are part of that group **ALL THE TIME**

Not just on a Sunday

Not just when we meet together as a group

Not just in a building

All the time, wherever we go, whoever we are with:

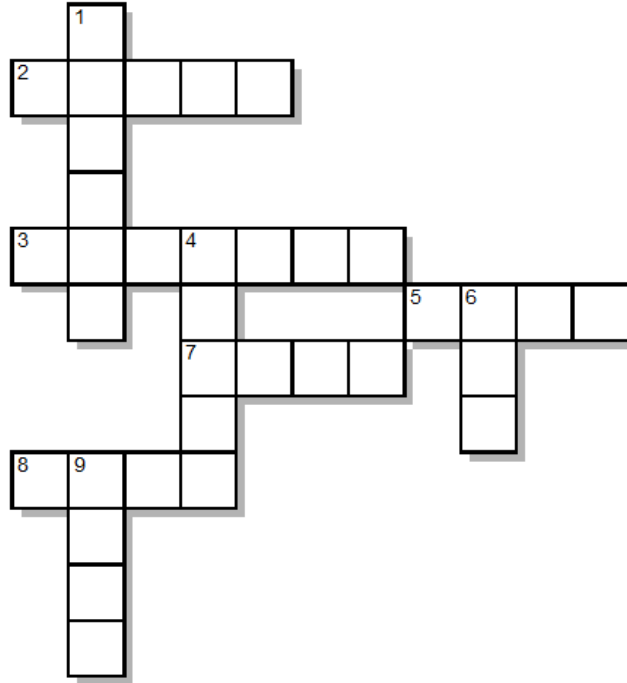
Loving, serving, obeying

Living as He wants us to.

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## What is the Church?



### ACROSS

- 2 Early years of life
- 3 Express love and devotion
- 5 Not having very many possessions
- 7 Having lots of money
- 8 Celebrated on valentines day

### DOWN

- 1 To go after
- 4 Help with jobs
- 6 Be around a long time
- 9 Do what you are told

**SOLUTION**

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