



# A CHURCH THAT WINS

## A Faithful Church

### MAIN THING

A Faithful Church stays true to the Christian Church

### SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16-17, Acts 2:29-41

### ICEBREAKER

Were you part of any groups/clubs/sports teams in high school or college? How did you identify with them? What made them stand out as unique or original? What were the things that drew you to them?

### OPENING THOUGHT

We will know we are successful in this if... forty years from now, we will still be preaching straight from the Bible, baptizing believers by immersion, teaching that salvation is through Christ and Christ alone, and continuing to be an active part of the brotherhood of Christian churches in the area. The importance of this is huge, because most people have no idea what the Christian Church stands for, what our history is, or that we are a part of the Restoration Movement.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What was one thing that stood out to you from this weekend's message?
2. There were three phrases that John used in his sermon today. One was, "We are Christians only, not the only Christians," "Where the Scriptures speak, we speak. Where the Scriptures are silent, we are silent" and "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things love." What do these mean? Why were they so important in starting the Restoration Movement of Churches? Do you agree with these statements?
3. On Sunday, we discussed some teachings that have been passed down over the years that are not Biblical. Can you name some? Are they all bad? Can they be? In Acts 2:29-41, we read about the first day of the Christian Church. What happened that day? What were the people directed to do by the apostle Peter as a response to the Gospel? Is this different than what you were taught growing up? If so, what were you taught? If not, have you heard other teachings? What were they?

### LIFE APPLICATION

Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. One of the foundational beliefs in the restoration movement is based on the use of scripture. What does this verse say about that? Many believers feel ill-equipped to study the Word or even know how to use it. Is that you? What can you do to be better equipped to handle scripture? Have you made your day so busy that you don't think you have time? Is study a priority? It may be time to make this part of your daily routine.

### CHALLENGE

If possible, it would be great to take a road trip as a group to go see Cane Ridge. It's about an hour's drive away. You can go online to [caneridge.org](http://caneridge.org) and figure out a time to go. There's usually someone there who can give you a tour and explain what happened back in 1801. Also, hold each other to the fire when it comes to studying the Bible. It was through study that Barton W. Stone realized that things were not being taught from the Word. As a believer, a community group, or as a church, we will only grow when we gain a genuine understanding of God's Word.