- Matthew 16:18
 - "I (Jesus) will build My Church..."
 - oikodoméō (from 3624 /oíkos, "a house" and domeō, "to build")
 - to build a house (home, edifice);
 - to edify (literally) "to build someone up," helping them to stand strong

- 1 Corinthians 3:9
 - "For we are both <u>God's workers</u>. And you are <u>God's field</u>. You are <u>God's building</u>."
 - We are God's construction team
 - We are God's field (farm or vineyard)
 - We are God's building (we build people and being built at the same time)

1 Corinthians 3:9

We are God's building (we build and are being built, at the same time)

God's dwelling place

Where God is "at home"

Building a Home for God (Like David):

Walls are like Boundaries/Values

Hallway is like our Character that leads to other rooms

Living room is like our relaxing/resting place

Building a Home for God (Like David):

Roof is like our covering (who is your pastor?)

Kitchen/Dining room is like the feeding/eating place

Bedroom is like our place for intimacy

Every room has decorations (making us shine)

Building a Home for God in His people- (1 Cor. 3:5-10):

- 1. A minister (a servant of the King who executes His commands)
- (The Church benefits from our service to King Jesus)
 - 2. Whom you believed (trust, confidence, faith)
 - 3. Building is about the whole, not just my part (God gives the increase)

Building a Home for God in His people- (1 Cor. 3:5-10):

- 4. Building is process (John 10:16)
 - <u>Laid the foundation</u>- kneel in prayer (before they arrive); first principles
 <u>Plant</u>- to watch over the process of planting and transplanting
 <u>Water</u>- to furnish drink, irrigate, saturate, to inspire with the feeling that comes with quality care
 - Increase- grow, be enlarged (watch the fruit appear)
- 5. According to the grace of God (as a wise, master builder)

Building a Home for God in His people- (1 Cor. 3:5-10):

6. Be careful "how you build"

Some come to us with a foundation already built

In some, we will build the foundation and another leader will build the next phase

Will the next pastor appreciate our values?

Will the next pastor thank God for the quality of care we have given?

Will the next pastor praise the Lord for your character?

Building a Home for God in His people- (1 Cor. 3:5-10):

7. Family Core Values- (Whatever we value becomes our mission)

Excellence, Honor, Clear Communication, Passionate/Proficient Leaders, Generosity, People feel Loved, Equipping Leaders, etc.

8. Family Character Matters- (more than ever before)

We live in a fish bowl. People will take on some of your characteristics. Is that good?