



Unit 13 Guide

SERIES: LESSONS FROM THE CHURCH **“JESUS’ VISION OF THE CHURCH TO COME”** **1 Timothy 6:1-20**

Announcements and opening prayer.



Connect: an opportunity for people to immediately interact and connect with each other; icebreaker/attention getters. **Icebreaker:** Have several people go to the board and draw a picture of heaven.

Transition: Jesus prayed taught us to pray for the Kingdom of God to come upon this earth as it is in heaven. However, this temporary church on earth is just a taste of the church that will last forever. Imagine a world filled with everyone who not only “get’s it” but they love it and they live it and they love one another without exception! Wow! It’s coming!

The Bottom Line: God wants us to build a taste of the church to come, but if we don’t look and live with our eyes on heaven, we have missed the point.

LESSON PLAN



Denotes “Apply”

Question – What does it mean to **FIX** your eyes on something?

Read 2 Corinthians 4:13-18

1. We know this world is filled with troubles, tough times we have to work through. Paul had trouble beyond anything we experience. What are the things Paul tells us keeps him from losing heart?

⑥ What glory of God do you see taking place around you now?

2. What do we fix our vision on for now to empower our lives of faith?

⑥ What percent of your vision is **FIXED** on the church we will realize in heaven?

Read Hebrews 3:1-6

3. What is God's house?

- ③ The vision of the church is helping more people say 'Yes' to God more often
That means putting our thoughts on Jesus. How are you putting your thoughts on Jesus?



Interactive Teaching Ideas: ideas for learner-focused teaching. Ask the class to discuss at each table the following assignment and then share their practical ideas: What can you personally do to help more people put their thoughts on Jesus?

Read Hebrews 12:1-2

4. Who are some of the great witnesses who went before us?

Greek word MARTYR – those who have the witness to back up what they believe. They will give or have given their lives to the truth they know is real. They are the Apostles, but they are the faithful who have gone on throughout history and have spent their lives to the end standing firm in and defending that truth.

The word church is EKKLESIA and it means those who are called out, the called out assembly. It was used of Israel, but Jesus would build the truth church out of Jew and Gentile who allowed themselves to be called out to embrace Him as Lord of their lives. The church is universal and only Jesus alone knows all those who have answered the call to come out and belong to Him. The church is the bride of Christ. Now let's turn to what will be the ultimate fulfillment of the church that we are to fix our eyes and hearts upon.

Read Revelation 19:1-9

5. Let's make a list about the wedding when the church is united to her Bridegroom. What are some of the incredible truths you see about this event?

Read Revelation 21:1-7

6. What picture of the future does God provide?
7. What are some of the beautiful things God says He will do for this bride, the Church?
8. Who will be in the Church of eternity?

Read Revelation 21:22-27

9. Where was the temple for worship in heaven?
 10. Describe the scene where we will live and worship.
 11. How do we know whose names are written in the Lambs book of life?
- 🕒 What danger is there in speculating individuals who are or are not recorded in the Lamb's book of Life?

The book does not belong to me. It belongs to the Lamb. He alone records the faithful. He alone knows what they have done and why. Jesus alone will judge all of heaven and earth. Trust Him as Lord and I have the promise. Teach others to trust Him and I am faithful. Let Jesus handle the rest of the story. Now let's look at a glimpse of that final scene of heaven.

Read Revelation 7:9-17



CARING TIME: SHARE AND PRAY

Close with a Prayer Time: *Here we see the true church of God in Heaven. Share at your table about how this event you can join affects you and how you live. Close in prayer at your tables thanking God for this glimpse of the final Church everlasting!*



Going Deeper/Homework:

Memory Verse: "...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it (Matt. 16:18).