

Knowing Christ:

***The Foundation of our Relationship
with God***

Series: Simple Church:

Connecting People to God

Matthew 16:13-20

A few weeks ...

**⌘...ago, we agreed
that church used to
be simple...but now
it has become more
complicated.**

In an effort to...

**⌘...get us all on the
same page, I
introduced a concept
called *simple
church.***

Simple Church...

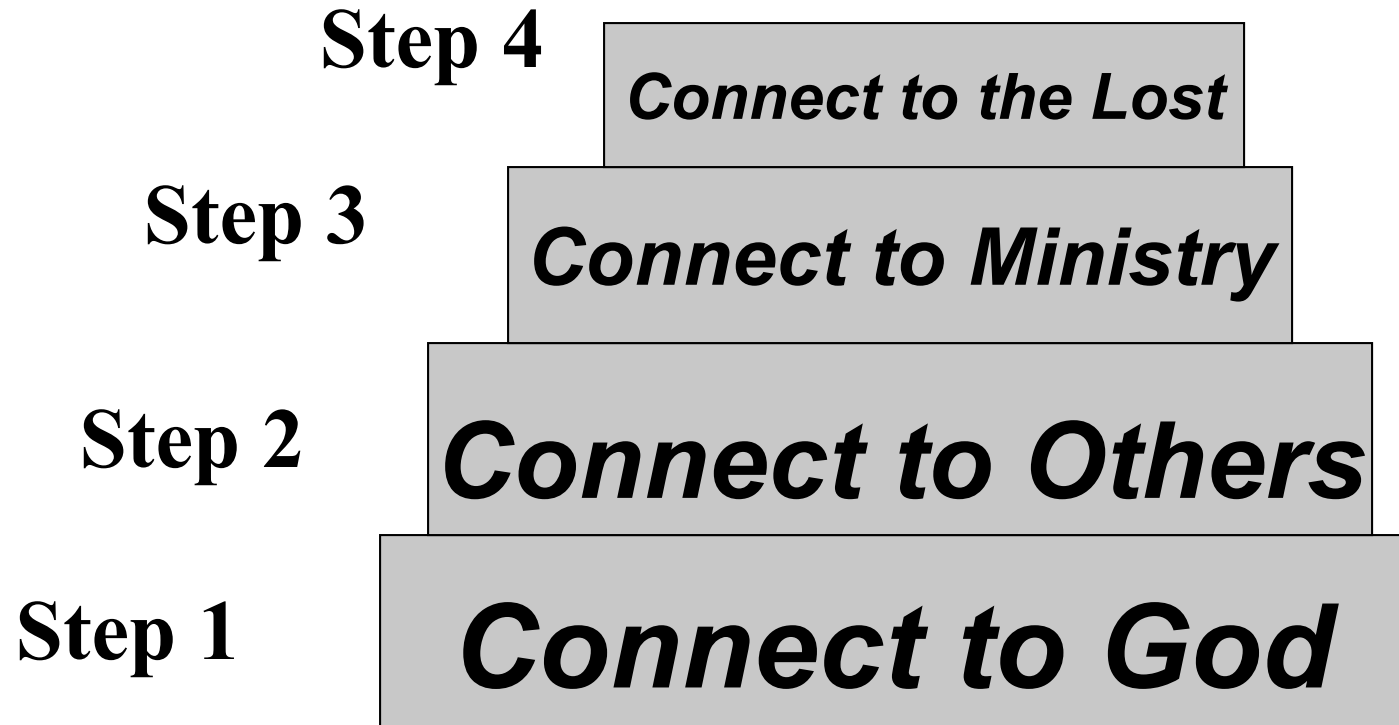
⌘...gives us a ***process...***

⌘...a process that
enables us to move
toward spiritual
maturity through 4
simple steps.

The Simplicity...

⌘...lies in the fact that the *process...* is just four steps, and they are same 4 steps for everyone...adults, children, and youth.

Our Simple Church Process



Simple Church...

⌘...is even more simple because it is adaptable. Just as there are four steps in each process, there are 4-steps within each process.

Our Simple Process for Connecting to God

Obeying Christ

(John 14:18-26)

Loving Christ

(1 John 4:7-18)

Trusting Christ

(1 John 5:9-15)

Knowing Christ

(Matthew 16:12-20)

Sermon Thesis

**⌘ Nothing compares to
the surpassing value of
knowing Christ...**

Knowing Christ...



**⌘...is more than a
consensus of public
opinion (Matt 16:13-14)**

Jesus asked His...

⌘...disciples a
probing question

⌘“Who do people
say that the *Son of
Man* is?”

Knowing Christ...

**⌘...is a matter of
personal conviction
(Matt 16:15-16)**

Jesus asked His...

**⌘...disciples an even
more probing
question**

**⌘“Who do you say
that I am?”**

Knowing Christ...

**⌘...is possible only
because of the
ministry of the Holy
Spirit (Matthew 16:17-
20)**

Jesus told Peter...

**⌘...blessed are you
Simon Barjona
because flesh and
blood did not reveal
this to you...**

Jesus wanted...

⌘...Peter and the other disciples to know that they could not come to that conclusion on their own

The Problem

⌘ Knowing Christ is a matter of spiritual perception made possible only by the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 2:6-10)