



Sermon Outline
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The Church Is
Like an Army

2 Timothy 2:1-4

The Church is like a _____. *It functions best when each part does its work.*

The Church is like an _____: *It functions best when everyone understands and is committed to the mission.*

*** The Church should look more like an army _____ than a country club.**

*** Three significant realities of "the Church is like an Army" metaphor.**

1. We have an _____.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Ephesians 6:12 - For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

2. We are at _____.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

Ephesians 6:10-11 - Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

3. We are on _____.

Matthew 28:19 - Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...

Mark 16:15 - He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Luke 24:47-48 - ...and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

John 20:21 - Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."

Acts 1:8 - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

The church doesn't have a mission.
Jesus' mission has a _____.

Marks of a good soldier:

1. Respect for _____.

Matthew 28:18 - Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me."

Jesus has given His church the authority to _____ people's lives to tell them about Him.

2. Prepared to _____.

2 Corinthians 2:11 - ...in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

3. Dedicated even unto _____.

Acts 21:13 - Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus."

*** The goal of your life should not be to simply arrive safely at _____.**