

Metaphors for the Church





The Church as the Temple of God

Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,



Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,

A small white church with a steeple and a wooden cross in a field with mountains in the background.

Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.



Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:19-22 (ESV)

²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



Metaphors
for the Church



Getting the Context (vs. 19)

Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:19 (ESV)

¹⁹So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,



Metaphors
for the Church

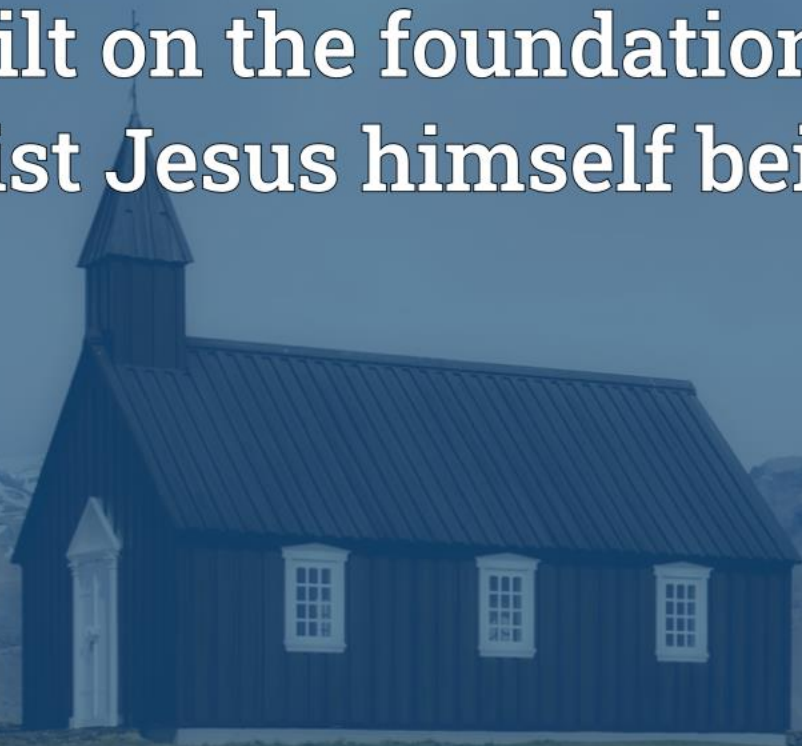


The Foundation of the Church is the Apostles & Prophets (vs. 20)

Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:20 (ESV)

²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,



Metaphors
for the Church

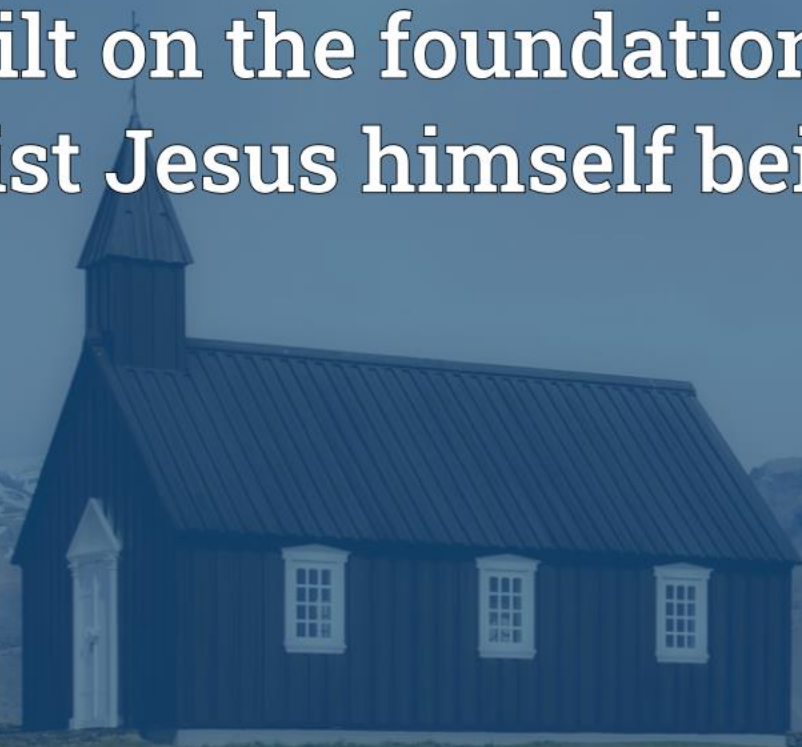


The Cornerstone of the Foundation is Jesus Christ (vs 20-21)

Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:20-21 (ESV)

²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,



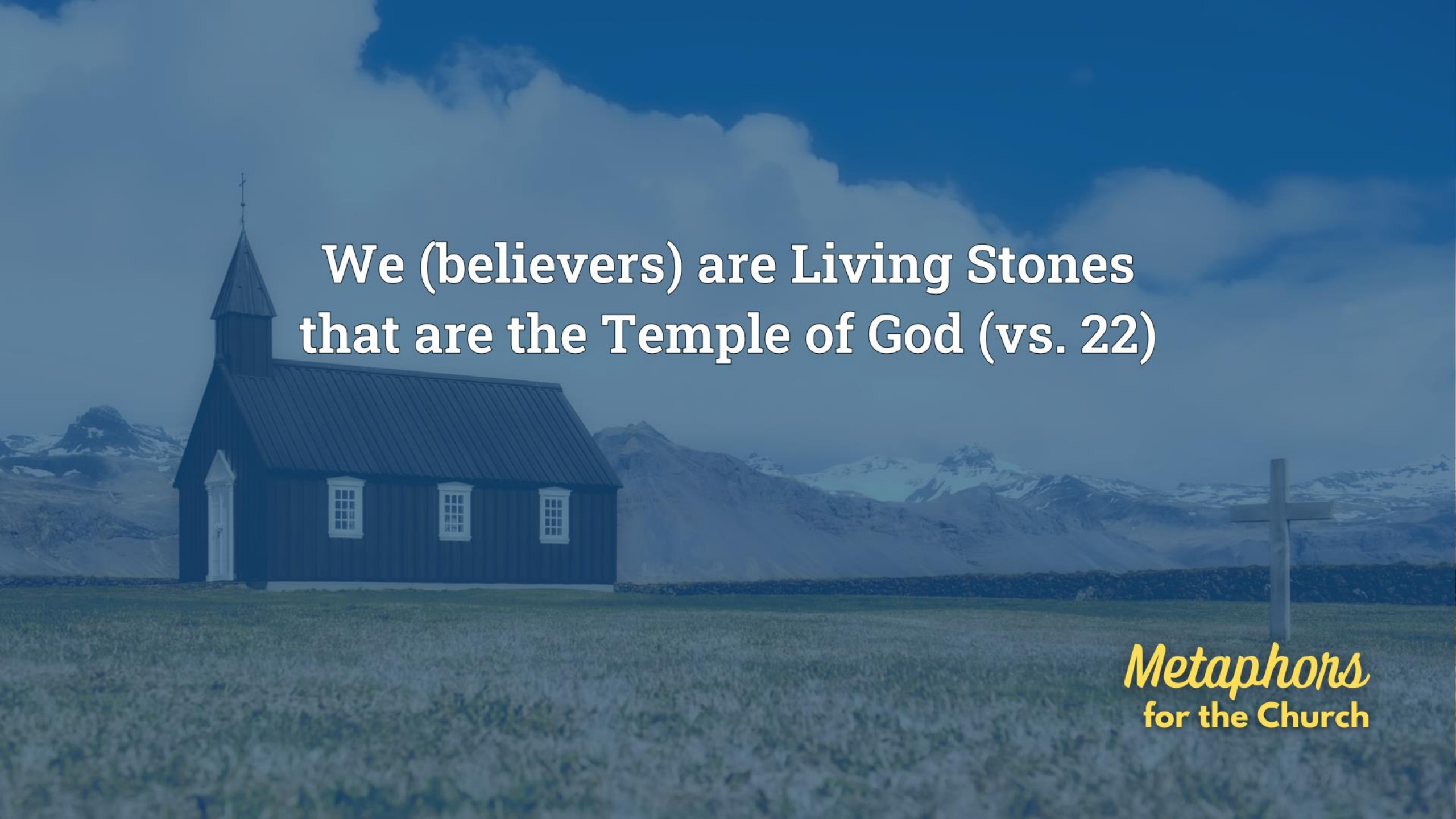
Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:20-21 (ESV)

²¹in whom the whole structure, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.



Metaphors
for the Church



We (believers) are Living Stones
that are the Temple of God (vs. 22)

Metaphors
for the Church

Ephesians 2:22 (ESV)

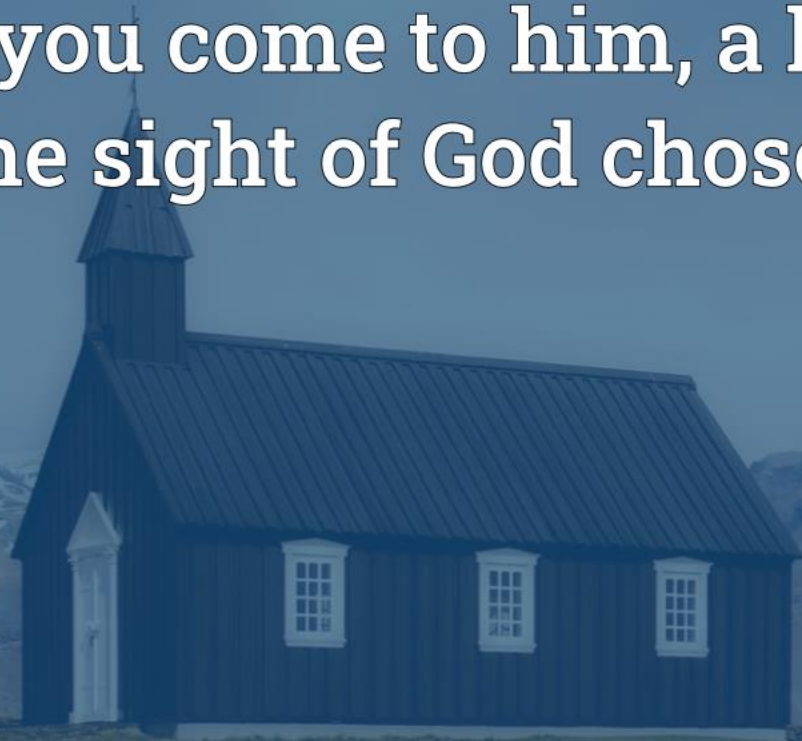
²²In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.



Metaphors
for the Church

1 Peter 2:4-5 (ESV)

⁴As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,



Metaphors
for the Church

1 Peter 2:4-5 (ESV)

⁵you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.



Metaphors
for the Church



The Church as the Temple of God

Metaphors
for the Church