

SECRET CHURCH™

KNOW HIS WORD. KNOW HIS PERSECUTED.

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A Secret Church Q & A with David Platt & Secret Church

Q: What is Secret Church?

A: A time of intensive Biblical discipleship training

David Platt: "Imagine being in small room, in a secret location, it's packed with brothers & sisters who have gathered together at the risk of their lives. One little light bulb hanging in the middle. They've got their Bibles open to study The Word...*knowing if they are caught doing this...*they could lose land, they could lose property, possessions, they could be imprisoned...and *eventually they could lose their lives.* **But they believe this Word is worth it. They want to know God** and they want to be a part of the mission of God and the community of God...even though they know it is costly.

This is the scene in which Secret Church was born. I came back from settings like that into the setting where...by God's grace we have the opportunity to worship freely, to study His Word freely. **But I wonder, do we love The Word like this?** Do we *want* to know The Word like this?

"The goal of Secret Church is not for you to walk away saying 'That was fun!'. The goal is for you to walk away...equipped..."

David Platt

So, we set aside a night, called it Secret Church, where we said we're going to dive into the study of God's Word ***in depth...*** and at the same time we're going to *pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters* around the world and we're going to pray for ourselves that ***God would give us the kind of boldness that He's giving them.***

Secret Church has grown in ways we could never have imagined since that first gathering to where now literally people all around the world, through simulcast, come together on this one night to dive into the Word, to say **we want to know God.**

We're going to spend **intensive time studying His Word** and in the process, were going to **fall on our faces**, we're going to pray for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world that we need to pray for and we're going to pray for ourselves that God would give us grace and boldness to join with them in making this Word known around the world no matter what it costs us."

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Q: What's the purpose of Secret Church?

A: Discipleship, and thereby equipping us to go and make disciples.

David Platt: To know the Word of God, to pray for the spread of the Gospel around the world alongside our persecuted brothers and sisters and pray that as a result of Secret Church, we would **be compelled to give our lives to knowing (Jesus) and making Him known-no matter what it costs us.**"

Q: What will we be studying in Secret Church this year?

Secret Church: "Christ, Culture and a Call to Action." The culture around us is constantly changing and with this brings significant challenges. So how does the call of Christ compel us to respond to these challenges? This Secret Church will explore the Biblical foundations for answers to these challenges in these areas: Abortion, Orphans & Widows, Poverty, Slavery, Sexuality, Ethnicity & Immigration, Liberty & Persecution."

*** Due to the nature of the content, this simulcast is limited to those 18 & up unless accompanied by a parent.**

Secret Church: Come with us as we dive into significant conclusions regarding how Christ calls every Christian to engage culture with a firm grip on the Gospel in the church and a fervent passion for God's Glory in the world.

Q: When is it and what does it cost?

A: **Friday Night, April 24, from 7p to 1a+**, in FLC Room 17, Age: *** 18 & up**, Cost: **\$10** includes Study Guide (*highly recommended*) or **\$5** without Study Guide.

Q: What should I bring?

A: Glad you asked!

- We are asking that **everyone bring snacks and beverages to share**. Six hours is a long time and anything you want to bring to share with your fellow Secret Churchers will be greatly appreciated. Think of it like a First Century Church tailgate party.
- If you want to bring a more comfy chair, blanket etc. feel free to do so.
- Your Bible - for those without Study Guides
Note: the Study Guide contains notes and all Scripture references written out!
- A Friend (must sign up) &
- A heart to know God more intimately and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ to make disciples.

"And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, 'All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.' Amen." Mathew 28:18-20