

Introduction

- **What is Church for?**
 - tried to expose a little of what assumptions we might have...
 - beginning to move on, to try to think about what church should be, is intended to be...
- Temptation to skip into Acts or Paul's letters to explore what the church is and should be:
 - and there is loads there to look at!
 - but what did Jesus himself have to say on the subject?
 - what were the apostles fleshing out in the particular context of the missionary expansion of the church across the Roman world that Jesus had already imparted to them?
- Went through Matthew's Gospel:
 - could do same for the others, I'm sure
 - and there aren't that many commands clearly directed at (what would become) the church
 - there are some with a personal focus that have a wider import (eg salt, light, Matthew 5:13-16)
- But there is plenty of **example**:
 - with the sometimes implicit and sometimes explicit command to do what Jesus did...
- What did Jesus do through his ministry?
 - preaching?
 - healing?
 - providing practical help?
 - confronting evil?
 - making disciples?

This is Discipleship video

- One American church's attempt to capture what they believe they are called to be and to do:
 - **What from this clip do we need to work at?**
 - **Is there anything the clip misses out on?**
 - **What in the clip do you think, "Yes, but can I put it another way?"**
- **The ideal church...?**

Chris Moyles/Church video

- What did Chris and his crew see in the life of this church?
 - what did they appreciate?
 - what didn't they get?
 - was there stuff they were suspicious or negative about?
- *What would people in Fintry say about this church?*