

One Body

The Church

Opening question: Does it matter if and/or where you go to church?

Acts 2:40-47

The First church

How does one join/be added to the church? How did they take care of each other?

What was the first century church devoted (*Greek = addicted*) to?

1. Apostles' teaching (Where can we find it today? In the Bible!)
2. Fellowship (meeting together and being together)
3. Breaking of bread (taking communion)
4. Prayer (Individual and collective times with God)

Colossians 1:15-20

Church is built on Christ

Who is the head of the church/body? Can the body live without the head?

Why is it essential to remain connected to Jesus?

Romans 12:1-13

Church is the body of Christ

Can an individual part/cell live without the body? How will you use your gifts to build up the body of Christ? (Singer, Greeter, Usher, Teacher, etc.) Will you commit to being hospitable and inviting others to your home regularly?

Hebrews 10:19-27

Church is the family of God

How does God feel about the meetings of the body? How can we look out for one another and help keep each other from falling away? (Encouragement!)

James 5:16-20

Deep relationships at church

Why are confession of sins and prayer so important? Be open regularly, and when others confess sins to you, pray with them and for them. Read **John 13:34-35**.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18

Dating & Marriage in the Church

What does it mean to **not** be yoked with unbelievers?

Should a disciple date/marry a non-disciple?

Ephesians 5:22-33

How does marriage reflect the relationship of Christ to the church?

What is a husband's primary responsibility to his wife? (Love)

What is a wife's primary responsibility to her husband? (Respect)

Personal Decisions: If you still haven't done so since the last study, choose a date/time to be baptized! Commit to contributing time, resources, and your gifts to build up the body. Commit to attending Sundays, midweeks; join a life group!