

Finding Your Place In The Church

Study Questions:

I. Different pictures of the church.

A. The church is pictured as the _____ of God. (Ephesians 2:20-21).

B. The church is pictured as a _____ of _____. (Acts 20:28).

C. The Church is also pictured as the _____ of Christ. (I Corinthians 12:12).

II. Why should one become part of a local church body?

A. Who established the church? _____ (Matthew 16:18).

B. It is a place to get _____ the Word. (Acts 20:28).

C. It is a good place to be water _____ and take of the Lord's supper. (Acts 2:41), (I Corinthians 11:26).

D. God has ordained that the _____ are to care for our spiritual well being. (Hebrews 13:17).

E. It is a place to _____ God. (Romans 12:5-8).

F. It is a place for spiritual _____ to occur. (Ephesians 4:11-13).

G. God's Word commands Believers to _____ together and to encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:25).

H. It is a place where others may _____ what you are lacking. (Ephesians 4:16), (I Corinthians 14:12).

I. The local church supplies a means of _____. (Acts 2:41, 47).

J. It is a place to find the _____ of Christ. (Matthew 18:20).

K. It is a place of Christian fellowship, prayer, and _____ worship. (Acts 2:42, Ephesians 6:18, Acts 2:46-47).

L. It is a place to bring your _____ and offerings. (Malachi 3:10).

M. Spiritual _____ comes through assembled unity. (Leviticus 26:8).

N. It is a place to receive _____ and healing. (James 5:14-16).

III. How does one become part of a local church body?

A. Pray _____ and ask God to direct you to the appropriate church. (John 10:27), (I Corinthians 12:18).

B. Make a _____ to God that you will become part of the local body of Christ. (Philippians 3:14).

C. Try attending several churches to find God's direction until you _____ by faith which church you are to join. (Acts 16:7, 9).

D. Don't be afraid to step somewhat out of your _____ if it doesn't violate your conscience. (Matthew 14:28).

E. Talk with the pastor or other church leaders and ask about the following: (Proverbs 14:15). * Please check each box after you read each statement.

a. Discover their basic doctrines.

b. Discover their church polity (government type).

c. Discover their vision for the local church body.

d. Discover what they expect of the membership.

e. Discover their approach to worship, fellowship, and evangelism.

f. Discover the procedure of how one becomes a member of that particular local body.

IV. Choose a church where:

A. The _____ is the sole authority for doctrine. (Psalms 119:105, II Timothy 3:16-17).

B. Believers _____ Jesus is Lord. (Romans 10:9-10, Philippians 2:9-11).

C. Believers are _____ to each other and Godly leadership. (Romans 13:1-7, Hebrews 13:17, Matthew 20:25-28).

D. C _____ are trained in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:7, Proverbs 22:6).

E. Believers of all ages are _____ the Word of God. (John 21:15-17, I Peter 5:1-3).

F. Believers gather in the _____ of the Spirit for prayer, Bible study, worship, and ministry. (Matthew 18:18-20, Ephesians 4:1-7).

G. Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers _____ unto the body for the _____ (maturing) of the saints for the work of the ministry. (Ephesians 4:8-16).

H. Everyone has the freedom in the Spirit to _____ the Lord. (Psalms 47:1, 134:1-2, 138:1, 150:1-6).

I. Believers are encouraged to minister according to their _____. (Romans 12:6-8, I Corinthians 12:1-12, I Peter 4:10-11).

J. The principles of the Kingdom are taught and _____. (Hebrews 6:9, II Corinthians 1:20, Matthew 6:33).

K. Believers accept you and love you as a fellow-member in the _____ of God. (Romans 14:1-3, I John 4:11, Ephesians 3:15).

L. Believers look forward to the _____ of the Lord Jesus. (Titus 2:13, I Thessalonians 4:14-18, Revelation 22:12).

M. Here are some questions to ask yourself. * **Please** check each box after you read each statement.

- a. Do you sense God leading you to a specific local church?
- b. Will you be fed there?
- c. Are you willing to submit yourself to the authority of the pastor and church leadership?
- d. Will you be loved and accepted there?
- e. Do you see yourself serving God there?

V. In preparation for your ministry within the body: * **Please** check each box as you commit yourself prepare.

- A. Spend time reading, studying, and meditation on the Word of God.
- B. Spend time in prayer.

- C. [] Spend time in fellowship with other Believers.
- D. [] Prayerfully begin to look to see how you may minister to the needs of others.
- E. [] Take a spiritual gifts test to see how God has already gifted you for ministry.
- F. [] Be sure that you are baptized in and filled with the Spirit.
- G. [] Learn to live by the Grace of God.

Scripture References:

Ezekiel 37:1	Ezekiel 37:4	Revelation 3:6	Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29
I Corinthians 6:19	I Peter 2:5	Ephesians 2:20-21	John 10:1
John 10:16	Luke 12:32	Acts 20:28	I Peter 5:2
Romans 12:5	I Corinthians 12:12	Ephesians 4:12-13	Matthew 16:18
Colossians 1:18	Acts 20:28,29	Acts 2:41	I Thessalonians 4:14-18
I Corinthians 11:26	Hebrews 13:17	Revelation 22:12	Romans 12:5-8
Galatians 5:13	Ephesians 4:11-13	Hebrews 10:25	Ephesians 4:16
I Corinthians 14:12	Acts 2:41, 42	Acts 2:47	Matthew 18:18-20
I Corinthians 5:4	I John 4:11	Ephesians 6:18	Acts 2:46-47
Malachi 3:10	Leviticus 26:8	Matthew 6:33	James 5:14-16
John 10:27	I Corinthians 12:18	Philippians 3:14	Acts 16:7, 9
Romans 14:1-3	Matthew 14:28	Proverbs 14:15	Psalms 119:105
II Timothy 3:16-17	Romans 10:9-10	Philippians 2:9-11	Romans 13:1-7
Hebrews 13:17	Matthew 20:25-28	Deuteronomy 6:7	Proverbs 22:6
John 21:15-17	I Peter 5:1-3	Ephesians 3:15	Ephesians 4:1-7
Ephesians 4:8-16	Psalms 47:1	Psalms 134:1-2	Psalms 138:1, 150:1-6
Romans 12:6-8	I Peter 4:10-11	Titus 2:13	I Corinthians 12:1-12
Hebrews 6:9			

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