

LIVING STONES

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KEY DEFINITIONS

WHAT IS THE CHURCH? THE EMBASSY OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH.

- The authority on earth instituted by Jesus to give shape and affirm the lives of God's people.
- The influence in society to bring the comprehensive rule of heaven into every sphere of life and culture.
- The embodiment of the ministry of Jesus to make disciples of all nations until His return.

WHO IS THE CHURCH? THOSE WHO GATHER AS THE DISCIPLES OF JESUS.

- The local, global and historical expressions of God's people.
- The fellowship of believers shaped through biblical practices.
- The intentional effort of disciples to become an inter-ethnic and inter-generational Christ worshipping people.

WHAT IS A DISCIPLE? ONE WHO HAS DECIDED TO FOLLOW THE PERSON, TEACHING AND WAY OF JESUS.

- One who through confession and repentance of sin, now through faith belongs to Jesus.
- One who orients their daily life in practice to be with Jesus as His apprentice.
- One who submits to the indwelling Holy Spirit to become like Jesus in advancing the agenda of God's Kingdom.

WHAT IS CHURCH MEMBERSHIP? AN INTENTIONAL DESIRE TO BE COVENANTED TO A LOCAL CHURCH.

- The willing submission to the Lordship of Christ and the leadership of the church.
- The active participation in the formation of self and others through biblical practices and disciplines.
- The stewardship of gifts of the Holy Spirit to love and care for one another and humbly defend the unity of the church.

MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS FOR THIS SERIES

WHEN IT ALL BEGAN 

THE CENTRAL MESSAGE OF JESUS

Matthew 4:23

Mark 1:15

Luke 4:43

John 3:3-5

THE CHURCH CONCEIVED

Matthew 16:18

THE CHURCH BORN

Acts 2:1

Acts 2:42

*"The church is the community
of covenant people (of God)
and one another."*

Tony Evans

LEARN OUR CORE BELIEFS AND PRACTICES



WE BELIEVE WHAT WE PRACTICE.
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