

**Sermon Discussion Questions**  
*For the Week of August 15, 2021*

**Sermon Information:**

What is the Church?

Ephesians 2:19-22; Acts 14:21-23

The universal church consists of all believers—across time and space—united in Christ.

The local church consists of believers in an area who gather together to glorify God.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. When was a time that a church felt like the dearest place on earth to you? When was a time when it didn't?
2. How was the time of worshipping at home during the pandemic for you? Did you miss being at church? Did you get comfortable worshipping from home? Did it ever cause you to wonder if getting together at church was really necessary?
3. Read Ephesians 2:19-22 and 1 Peter 2:4-10. What is similar in the two passages? What is unique in each passage? What do the two passages together teach us about the universal church?
4. Sometimes we refer to 'church' as a building or a place that we go. Other times, people will say that you don't go to church, you are the church. What are the truths in each of these perspectives? What are the faults in each of these perspectives?
5. Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, "The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." How can you tap into this source of joy and strength this week? How can you be a source of joy and strength for others?