

I Believe in The Church

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her

The Church is A _____

- 1. You are now God's _____
- 2. This is not your _____

The Church is A _____

- 1. Our _____ depends on one another
- 2. Our _____ depend on one another

The Church is A _____

- 1. The ____ Temple
- 2. The ____ Temple

The Church Should be _____

- 1. We should be growing in _____

- 2. We should be growing in _____
- 3. We will be growing in _____

The Church Should be _____

- 1. Distinction is your _____.
- 2. Distinction is sometimes hard to _____.
- 3. Distinct not in _____ but _____.

The Church Should _____

- 1. Display His _____.
- 2. Display His _____.
- 3. Display His _____.

Notes: _____

Group Questions

1. Whose character are the people of God to represent? What does this say about our desire to be autonomous?
2. If we better grasped this idea of being “a people,” how would that affect our interactions in the local church?
3. In light of this message, how is a “Lone-Ranger Christian,” who tries to live out his or her discipleship to Christ independently of others, misguided?
4. Based on this message what would look for in a church. Is there anything you’d change?
5. Have you ever been in a church where it seemed unusual for someone to be a growing Christian? Talk about your experience.
6. Can you summarize the difference between a genuine Christian who hears the message of the gospel and the nominal Christian who hears it? (*A nominal Christian is a Christian in name only.*)
 - a. Suppose, looking at your own profession of faith, it looks like a nominal Christian’s. There’s a lack of conviction, a lack of joy, and a lack of turning from idols. What should you do?
7. How should the expectation that members are growing spiritually shape:
 - a. The purpose of small group meetings?
 - b. What you do on Saturday nights in preparation for Sunday?
 - c. How the church’s elders or other leaders shepherd the church?
 - d. Conversations after church?
 - e. What the church’s life looks like throughout the week? How do these lessons about corporate growth together translate into the rest of the week?
8. What are some concrete ways that you can help others grow in their knowledge of Christ and in resisting winds of doctrine and human schemes?
9. How does our love for one another display God’s glory? How does the unity of a local church display God’s glory?