

# CHURCH

## REVIEW

Any questions? [Review any homework]

If someone asked you "how can I be saved?" How would you answer?

## PURPOSE

To understand God's one church & our role in it.

## TEACHING TIPS

Depending on religious background, this study has potential to trigger defensive emotions. Avoid using accusatory language. The Scriptures speak on their own about church doctrine & the dangers of division.

## What does the word "church" mean to you?

Church means a lot of different things to different people today, but it was very clear to the 1st Century Christians.

## Acts 2:41

What were those 3000 people "added" to when they were baptized? The Church! Ekklesia [Greek] gathering of people for a specific reason.

## Acts 2:42-47

What characteristics of the church stand out to you in this description?

Have you noticed these qualities in our church fellowship? How?

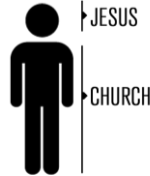
Any church of true disciples of Jesus should be described this way.

## Colossians 1:15-18

Who is the head? Who is the body?

If someone wants a relationship with Jesus, they must be a part of his body.

What happens if you Cut off the Head? Cut off Body?

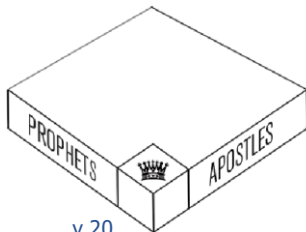


## Ephesians 2:19-22

Can you be both God's citizen & a citizen of the world? No. Only one.

If God is the father, what do the members of his household call each other?

Children call each other brother or sister.



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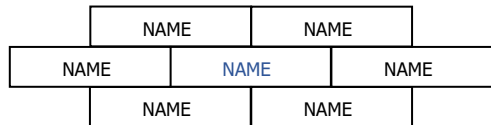
Prophets (OT)

Apostles (NT)

+ Jesus

= **Bible** (Foundation)

v. 21 "JOINED TOGETHER"  
Put name of person studying the Bible in middle and disciples' names in the surrounding bricks.



**Different Readers for following 3 passages:** "Look for recurring theme"

**Ephesians 4:4-6** 1 body, 1 faith, 1 baptism

**Romans 12:4-5** 1 body, each part belongs

**1 Corinthians 12:12-13** 1 body, all parts baptized into 1

What's the reoccurring theme in all 3 passages? One.

Why is "1" so important? Unity.

### **1 Corinthians 12:14-27**

What stands out to you about the body of Christ here?

What will you add to the church? [Talents, Serving, Time, Money...]

What is 1 thing you can start doing immediately?

### **1 Corinthians 1:10 -13**

What does this scripture warn against?

Who were some of the Corinthians following?

Can that still happen today?

### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

What does "spur one another on" mean?

Spur: Device with a small spike worn on a rider's heel used to urge a horse forward.

What was the bad "habit" [v.25] they needed help with?

Why is meeting together regularly such an important thing to God?

### **CHALLENGE**

Prioritize the Body of Christ by committing to the Church's meetings: [Sunday Worship, Midweek Service & Small Group].

\* If they are meeting this challenge already, focus the challenge on meeting & building relationships with more disciples.

Choose a discipling partner(s) together: Someone they feel safe around, can pray with, confess to, learn from, etc. Set up a time to meet.

### **CHURCH: FURTHER STUDY [CAN BE GIVEN AS HOMEWORK]**

Matthew 6:33 Seek first his Kingdom.

Hebrews 3:12-13 Encourage one another daily.

Acts 5:1-11 Like an actual body, sin in one part affects the whole.

Matthew 18:15-17 The church is involved with conflict resolution.