



Doctrine Discussion Guide |

Week 14 | The Church

If you were going on a spiritual retreat, what three things (besides your Bible) would you take and why?

Read the CF Statement of Belief

We believe in the imminent, visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ and in His Millennial Kingdom. | ***1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Revelation 22:20***

Theological Truths

The Church Local – Church Universal

1 Corinthians 1:2 - To the church of God that is in Corinth – along with those in every place

1 Thessalonians 1:1 - To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

Romans 16:3,4,5 - Prisca and Aquila - greet the church in their house.

We must be part of the Church universal and local.

1 Peter 2:5;9 - you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Don't say I love Jesus but not the church!

John 17:21-23 - I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me. “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one. I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

Hebrews 10:24-25 - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Questions for Discussion

- What does the Bible mean by the Church? - Eph 2:19, Col 1:24
- Why the Church?
- What Is the Message of the Church?
- What Is the Mission of the Church?
- How Should the Church Look and Feel?

Passages for Study

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- The church is also described as a family. How should members of a family treat one another? **Ephesians 4:31-32**
- What qualities does the bible request of overseers (leaders or bishops) in the church. ? - **1 Timothy 3:1-7**
- How are church members expected to treat overseers (elders or leaders) in the church? - **1 Timothy 5: 17-19**
- What should church look like when we gather?
- What is the main role of the church?
- Do you think God has a purpose for your being in a particular church or fellowship? What is it?

Read the Big Idea:

What Happens here changes the world!
I love my church.
You are Part of Something Big!

1 Timothy 4:9 - “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is a crown of righteousness laid up for me” Do your best to come to me quickly

We need each other!