



## WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

What do you already know about the church?

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What question(s) do you have about the church that you hope will be answered by this study?

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Jesus said, ". . . on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not overcome it." (Matthew 16:18, pg. 892)

"With many other words he (Peter) warned them; and he pleaded with them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added daily to their number those who were being saved." (Acts 2:40-47, pg. 993)

A. The Meaning Of The Word "Church" -- It is from the Greek word literally translated "called out ones." In the Bible, it never refers to a building.

B. The Activities Of The Church

Please list the activities of The Church you find in the above verses:

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### C. A Metaphor For The Church

List all the similarities that you can between the human body and the church as listed in I Corinthians 12:12-27 (pg. 1047):

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In your own words, what is “The Church” according to the Bible?

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What are the three most important truths you've learned from this lesson?

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3. \_\_\_\_\_

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