



# FOUNDATIONS

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FRIDAYS AT 6:30PM  
ROOM 4

Session 7:  
What is the  
Church?

# Session Questions

## **Session 7 Questions:**

- What is the Church?
- Why is the Church important?
- What does a healthy church look like?

# Question Review

- Review answers from Participant Guide Session 7: What is the Church?

# Section 1: What is the Church?

## What does the Bible say about the Church?

- **Body of Christ**
  - 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27
- **Bride of Christ**
  - Ephesians 5:25, 32
  - Revelation 19:7-8
- **A building**
  - Ephesians 2:20-21
  - 1 Corinthians 3:9
- **Head of the Church**
  - Colossians 1:18
  - Ephesians 5:23

# Section 1: What is the Church?

**The main mission of the Church is to make disciples**

- **Matthew 28:19-20**
  - Go -> Baptize -> Teach
- **Acts 1:8**
  - Being witnesses
- **Ephesians 4:11-13**
  - Edifying the body of Christ is making disciples

# Section 1: What is the Church?

## **Is it a group? A building? An organization?**

- The Church refers to all believers across the world and throughout history.
- The Church can refer to a local assembly of believers.
  - Universal but local
  - Invisible but visible
- Accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is required to be a part of the Church

## Section 2: Why is the Church important?

### What does the Bible say about the Church?

- **Divinely instituted**
  - Ephesians 2:20-21
- **Demonstrates the love of God**
  - John 13:34-35
- **Demonstrates unity in Christ**
  - Galatians 3:28
- **A picture of mutual submission**
  - Philippians 2:4

## Section 2: Why is the Church important?

### **Why are so many denominations?**

- We can have diversity of expression in worship.
- Division among believers is not acceptable.
  - Divisions indicate immaturity – 1 Corinthians 3:3-4
  - Seek peace with other believers – Romans 14:19



## Section 2: Why is the Church important?

### **What are the different types of church government?**

- The Bible does not present a specific form of church government.
- Governed by a bishop or overseer
  - 1 Timothy 3:1
- Governed by elders
  - Acts 14:23
- Governed by the congregation

## Section 3: What does a healthy church look like?

**What does a healthy church look like?**

**Acts 2:42 provides key activities of a healthy church**

- Apostles' doctrine
- Fellowship
- Breaking bread (Communion)
- Prayer

Corporately and individually

## Section 3: What does a healthy church look like?

### **Apostles' doctrine**

- **Regular Bible teaching is a priority**
  - Acts 17:2
  - 2 Timothy 4:2
- **Our church uses a verse-by-verse teaching style**
  - Acts 20:26-27
- **Individually, regular Bible study should be a priority**
  - Acts 17:11

# Section 3: What does a healthy church look like?

## Fellowship

- **Regular fellowship is a priority**
  - Acts 20:7
  - Hebrews 10:25
- **Fellowship provides an opportunity to build meaningful lives together**
  - Hebrews 10:24-25
- **Individually, fellowship should be a priority**
  - 1 Corinthians 14:26

# Section 3: What does a healthy church look like?

## **Breaking Bread - Communion**

- **Communion is a priority**
  - Matthew 26:26-30
  - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26
- **More in Session 8**

## **Prayer**

- **Prayer is a priority**
  - John 17:20
  - Ephesians 1:16
- **More in Session 8**

## Section 3: What does a healthy church look like?

### What is the mission of our church?

- **Learn**
  - Studying the Bible
- **Love**
  - Loving God and loving each other
- **Grow**
  - Becoming more like Jesus by applying the Bible to our lives
- **Go**
  - Giving our lives away as servants like Jesus did

# Reflections & Wrap Up

- The Church is all believers who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord across the world and through history.
- The Church demonstrates the love of Christ to the world.
- The key activities of the Church are Bible teaching, fellowship, communion and prayer.
- Next session is **Friday, July 29 at 6:30 PM** in Room 4.
- Questions for next session:  
**Participant Guide Session 8: What are Some Additional Essential Topics – Part 1?**
- **Thank you!**