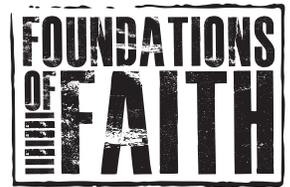


# Lesson #4: The Church



## What is Church?

**Tell Story on acceptance and love in the church (optional)**

Read Ephesians 1:22-23. What do these scriptures say about the church? \_\_\_\_\_

Read Hebrews 10:24-25. According to these scriptures, what does God want us to do? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Read I Peter 2:9-11. What is God's purpose for the church? \_\_\_\_\_

*When you became a child of God, you became a member of God's family, the church. The church is not a building or just a meeting. The church is a group of baptized believers committed to meeting together regularly to declare God's praises. We were created for this kind of community.*

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## What does the church do?

*The best description of church life in the New Testament is more of a series of snapshots than a definition. Numerous passages help us see what Jesus intended for His body, the church.*

### **Tell Acts 2 story**

*Based on this story from the Bible, what are some activities that characterized the early church?*

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*According to the description in these scriptures, what do we need to do to be a "house to house" church?* \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Lord's Supper

Read I Corinthians 11:23-26. According to these verses, what has Jesus instructed his disciples to do? Why? \_\_\_\_\_

*We call this command from Jesus the Lord's Supper. It ought to be regularly practiced wherever and whenever the people of God are gathered. When we receive the Lord's Supper, it is a time to examine our actions and faith (1 Corinthians 11:23-29), to remember what He has done for us on the cross and renew our covenant of love together with Him.*

*What do we need to obey from this lesson?* \_\_\_\_\_

**Observe the Lord's Supper together.**

➔ **Continue to hold each other accountable to practicing what we have learned in past weeks. This week, determine how you will live out the values and mission of the church together as a group.**