



WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

_____ (Greek) – assembly, gathering

_____ (Greek) – *the living body* of Jesus made up of His disciples.

“CHURCH” CAN REFER TO A _____.

Greet also the church that meets at their house. Romans 16:5a (NIV)

“CHURCH” CAN ALSO REFER TO THE _____.

¹² *The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14*

³ *Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.*

⁴ *There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. Ephesians 4:3-6*

HOW DOES THE “CHURCH” FUNCTION IN THE BIBLE?

THE CHURCH PROVIDES _____.

- **The church Jesus designed is meant to be _____.**

⁴² *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.*

⁴³ *A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)*

THE CHURCH PROVIDES _____.

¹¹ *Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. ¹² Their responsibility is to equip*

God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. ¹³ This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-13 (NLT)

- **The Church Jesus designed is meant to be my family who _____ and _____.**

... we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

HOW DOES CHURCH LEADERSHIP FUNCTION IN THE BIBLE?

There are _____ for church leadership.

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly. James 3:1

- **Church leaders are to _____.**

This is a trustworthy saying: “If someone aspires to be a church leader, he desires an honorable position.” ² So a church leader must be a man whose life is above reproach. He must be faithful to his wife. He must exercise self-control, live wisely, and have a good reputation. He must enjoy having guests in his home, and he must be able to teach. ³ He must not be a heavy drinker or be violent. He must be gentle, not quarrelsome, and not love money. ⁴ He must manage his own family well, having children who respect and obey him. ⁵ For if a man cannot manage his own household, how can he take care of God’s church? ⁶ A church leader must not be a new believer, because he might become proud, and the devil would cause him to fall. 1 Timothy 3:1-6 (NLT)

- **Sin within church leadership is to be _____.**

¹⁹ *Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. ²⁰ But those elders who are sinning you are to reprove before everyone, so that the others may take warning. ²¹ I charge you, in the sight of God and Christ Jesus and the elect angels, to keep these instructions without partiality, and to do nothing out of favoritism. 1 Timothy 5:19-21*

HOW DOES THE CROSSINGS PROVIDE HELP?

¹¹ *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. ¹² It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. ¹³ But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. Ephesians 5:10-13 (NIV)*