

What Do Christians Believe About the Church?

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1. The Church is the Body of Christ.
2. The Church is led by Jesus.
3. The Church is designed for worship.
4. The Church is distinctly missional.
5. The Church is at war.

Questions for Personal Reflection & Group Discussion

1. Read *I Corinthians 12:12-21 and 27.*

What do these verses tell you about the body of Christ?

What is the difference between uniformity and unity? Use a dictionary if needed.

In what ways have you experienced the unity of the body of Christ?

How have you seen disunity within the body?

What can you do to protect the unity of the body of Christ (the Church)?

2. Read *Colossians 1:15-18 and Ephesians 1:22-23.*

Who is the head of the Church?

How have you experienced the presence of Jesus through the Church?

How have you embodied the presence of Jesus for someone else in the Church?

3. Read *Colossians 3:17 and 1 Corinthians 10:31.*

When you hear the word 'worship' what comes to your mind?

After reading these verses, is your perspective about what worship is changed at all?

What gifts of worship will you give to God this week?

4. Read *Matthew 28:19-20.*

What instructions did Jesus give to His disciples and to us as His followers?

Have you taken steps in your own life to carry out these instructions?

Why or why not?

5. Read *Ephesians 6:10-12.*

How have you experienced the opposition of our enemy, the devil, in your life?

What proactive steps can you take to be prepared for Satan's attacks?

What will you do this week to be ready for his interference in your life?

How will you be strong and stand firm this week?