



Overview

One of the most irrelevant questions you could ask in the first century would be, “Where do you go to church?” Not because the church did not exist, but because church was never considered a place to go or something to do. Church, by its very definition, referred to a people with purpose and mission. In the New Testament, church was a daily expression with a weekly gathering on the Lord’s Day. We don’t go to church; we are the church. It’s time to renew God’s call in each of our lives: *Be the Church* – not just on paper, but as a way of life!

Going Deeper

- What comes to mind when you think of church?
- What’s the difference between “going to church” and “being the church”?

Making it Stick

The Church

Read Acts 2:41-47.

Describe what the believers (the church) in verse 42 devoted themselves to.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

What were the results of these foundational things? (Verses 43-46)

What do you think caused these wonderful things to occur?

Read these verses and discuss Christ’s love and devotion for His church.

- Ephesians 5:25
- Matthew 16:18
- John 17:11

According to **1 Corinthians 11:1-3**, who is the head of the church?

Read Ephesians 5:1-2.

- Who are we to imitate?
- How do we imitate Him?

The Lord's Supper

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26.

- Why do we celebrate the Lord's Supper as a body of believers?
 - o How can this act remind us of our redemption? (See Ephesians 1:7, Titus 2:14, 1 Corinthians 6:18-20)
 - o Why is it a cause for celebration? (See 1 Corinthians 15:1-4; 21-22)
 - o How does it help promote discipline in our walk? (See Galatians 2:20 & 1 Cor. 11:27-30)
 - o In what way can it be a platform for us to proclaim our Savior to the lost?
 - o How does it help us anticipate the Lord's return for His church? (See Revelation 19:6-9 – The Marriage Supper of the Lamb)

Read 1 Corinthians 11:27-32.

- How should we come to the Lord's Table?
- What are some ways we can come to the Lord's Table in an "unworthy manner"?
 - o Have you ever come with bitterness in your heart?
 - o Have you ever come ritualistically (out of duty rather than devotion)?
 - o Have you ever come with a rebellious or disobedient spirit?

Be the Church ... Everyone. Everywhere. Everyday.

- Practically speaking what does it mean to "be the church."
- Discuss specific ways you can be the church in your:
 - o Home
 - o Workplace
 - o Neighborhood
 - o Community

Living It Out

For the next 28 days, along with other believers at Warren, commit to pray daily for the church.

Sign up to receive a daily prayer guide via email (warrenbaptist.org/prayer),
Facebook (facebook.com/warrenprayer), or
Twitter (twitter.com/Warren_Prayer).

The prayer closets of God's people are where the roots of the church grow. – Croft M. Pentz