

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. How has your past church experiences shaped your opinion of the local church? How does your view compare with God's perspective of the church from the Scriptures?
2. What is the meaning of *ekklesia*? In what ways are we "the called-out ones"?
3. Of the five metaphors for the church, what impacted you the most? How has it changed your view of God's love for the church?
4. Why can't we live out our Christian lives alone? How important is the local church?

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, is growing into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit."

Ephesians 2:19-20

"Your life is much bigger than a good job, an understanding spouse, and non-delinquent kids. It is bigger than beautiful gardens, nice vacations, and fashionable clothes. In reality, you are part of something immense, something that began before you were born and will continue after you die. God is rescuing fallen humanity, transporting them into His kingdom, and progressively shaping them into Christ's likeness—and He wants you to be a part of it in the local church."

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WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

EPHESIANS 5

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I. *Ekklesia* – _____.

Romans 8:28

Romans 1:6-7

1 Corinthians 1:2

1 Corinthians 1:26

Ephesians 4:1-4

1 Thessalonians 2:12

2 Timothy 1:9

1 Peter 5:10

II. Metaphor 1: _____.

Ephesians 5:25-32

III. Metaphor 2: _____
Ephesians 1:22-23

V. Metaphor 4: _____
Ephesians 2:20-22
1 Peter 2:5

IV. Metaphor 3: _____
Ephesians 2:19

VI. Metaphor 5: _____
1 Timothy 3:15