

Ephesians 3:10, 21 ...¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ...²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever.

- **What does it mean to serve God? What does that look like?**
- **As Christians and members of the church, how do we bring glory to God?**
- **How do we become part of the church?**
- **What are we supposed to do as members of the church?**

The Mission of the Church has 3 parts:

1. To make disciples
2. To serve God
3. To bring glory to God

- **Are you able to participate in those parts of the mission in your current situation?**

Ephesians 4:32 *Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*

Romans 12:9-10 *Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.*

- **What's your initial reaction to these commands? Why?**
- **How can you obey these commands in your life right now?**

Matthew 18:15-17 *"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. If he refuses to*

listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector."

John 14:15-17 *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."*

(See also John 14:25-26 and John 16:7-8).

- **How have you experienced the Holy Spirit?**
- **What steps can we take to involve the Holy Spirit in this group and in our individual lives?**

The Bible

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work.*

- **What steps have you taken recently to study and apply God's word?**

Spiritual Gifts

Ephesians 4:11-12 *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ.*

Spiritual Gifts in the New Testament: administration, apostle, discernment, evangelism, exhortation, faith, giving healing, hospitality, knowledge, leadership, mercy, prophecy, serving, shepherding, teaching, tongues, and wisdom.

- **What are some of the gifts you've been given? How has God blessed you with talents and abilities?**
- **How can you use your gifts right now to serve God in the church?**

1 Corinthians 12:18-23 *But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty.*

- **What do these verses say about your value and worth in the church?**

--- Homework ---

1. Read **Revelation 2 – 3** and answer the following questions:
 - a. What were the churches doing well?
 - b. What were some things they weren't doing well?
 - c. What did Jesus tell the churches to do?
 - d. How will Jesus' words help you participate in your church this week?

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Lesson 5 Questions

“Christian Living – Part 2”

Memory Verse

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.
(Philippians 2:12b - 13)

The Church

- **What ideas or images come to mind when you hear the word “church”? Why?**
- **What’s a one-sentence definition for the church in today’s world?**

Ephesians 1:22-23 *And He put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.*

Colossians 1:17-18 *And he (Jesus) is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.*

- **How would you describe the goal or mission of the church?**

Matthew 28:18-20 *And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”*

1 Peter 2:5 *...you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.*