

# **REDISCOVER CHURCH**

## **Chapter 1 - What Is A Church?**

**Christ thinks highly of the church. Ephesians 5:25-27**

**1. Can you give a good definition of a church?**

The church is the body of Christ and it is made up of imperfect Christians, of which, you are one.

- 1 Corinthians 12:27
- Romans 12:4-5

**Notice the metaphors that God uses for the church:**

- Family (Hebrews 2:11, John 19:26-27)
- Household of God (1 Timothy 3:14-15)
- Body of Christ (1 Cor 10:17, Ephes 5:23)
- Temple of the Spirit (1 Cor 6:19-20)
- Pillar and Foundation of Truth (1 Timothy 3:15)
- Bride of Christ (Rev 21:9, Rev 19:7-8)
- Christ's Flock (1 Peter 5:2-4)

**The church is more than preaching and singing**

**2. What does John 13:34-35 remind us?**

**3. Look at Isaiah 62:1-2 & 12. What does Isaiah say will be noticeable about the gathered people of God?**

4. Who is going to see and seek out the city?

5. In what ways should people see our righteousness and salvation displayed?

*“Imagine a world where people were skeptical of what we believed, but envious of how well we treated one another.” - Andy Stanley*

6. Every church should be a little bit of heaven on earth. Sadly, that is not always what we get. Why not?

7. Hebrews 12:22-24 describes the gathered worship of the church. What is your impression of worship after reading this text?

8. May we remember that each Sunday we are worshipping in the “heavenly Jerusalem.” We are worshipping along the whole host of heaven. We are worshipping in the company of Jesus Himself. How should that impact your worship?