

*What is a Church?*

*Your understanding of what the church is will shape your life and your living. ~Jonathan Leeman*

1. The church is not an \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_  
or a \_\_\_\_\_ building.

2. The church is \_\_\_\_\_ by, and  
\_\_\_\_\_ God.

• Matthew 16:17-19, Acts 20:28, Ephesians 5:23-25

*There is one thing that should be utterly clear in a Christian's mind: the local church ... exists by the express authorization of Jesus. ~Jonathan Leeman*

➤ Church always refers to people; people who belong to God.

3. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

A. There are many parts. 1 Corinthians 12:12-20

B. It needs every part. 1 Corinthians 12:15-22

C. What happens to one part affects every part.

• 1 Corinthians 12:12-20, Galatians 6:2

➤ What happens to you should affect me and what happens to me should affect you.

D. Christ is the Head. 1 Corinthians 12:27, Colossians 1:18

4. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

• John 1:12, 1 John 3:1-2, Galatians 4:5, Matthew 12:50

➤ Church is not simply something I do, it is a way of life.

5. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_  
house.

• Ephesians 2:20-22, 1 Peter 2:5

A. Christ is Chief Cornerstone

B. The house is not finished.

C. We need to be shaped.

6. The church is a \_\_\_\_\_.

• John 10:14, John 10:27

How and where does my \_\_\_\_\_  
and view of what a church is need to change?

When we change our understanding of church,  
what will change \_\_\_\_\_ our church?

