

Life Together Group Questions
February 24, 2013
What Is the Church?
(various passages)

- When you think about the question, “what is the Church?” what comes to mind? Is it good? Bad? Somewhere in between?
- What do you think Jesus meant when He talked about building His Church? Matt. 16:16-18
- How do you see Jesus building His church today?
- Pastor Nathan talked about the Church being, **the redeemed, the body, the bride, His worshipers, His witnesses**. Which one of these do you identify with the most? Which of these do identify with the least? Which of these would you like to identify more?
- How does the idea that the church is a group of people who have been redeemed affect your thinking about it? See Romans 5:6-11; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Colossians 1:13-14,21-22; 1 Peter 2:9-10
- What is the picture of the Church as the Body that we see in Ephesians 4:1-16? Why is there an emphasis on patience, humility, bearing with one another, and unity at the outset? (vss.2-3) Why the statements about, “One body, One Spirit...” in vss. 4-6? How is it that we grow up or mature? How does the body get built up?
- What comes to mind when you think of the Church as Jesus Bride? See Ephesians 5: 25-27;
- What will it be like when Jesus comes back for His bride? Revelation 19:7-8; 21:1-4, 9-27
- As part of the bride how are you preparing yourself to meet your bridegroom?
- How are we called to worship Christ? What does that look like in action and attitude? Romans 12:1; Philippians 3:8; Psalm 63:3; 1 Peter 2:9-10
- How has Jesus called His Church to be His witnesses? Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8
- Take a look at 2 Corinthians 5:11-21. How has is Jesus calling us to be His ambassadors?
- What do you think this looks like in everyday life?
- How has Jesus revealed Himself to you in this passage? What can you take away to share with others?
- How does this passage cause you to treasure Christ, love others, give God glory, or experience His Joy?
- What are you taking away from this study today in how you will live your life and follow Christ?
- What is a question you want to ask that did not get asked?