



Session #2 – The Church: Why is it Important?

True or False:

Please answer the following True or False questions based on what you believe about the Church.

- 1) T ___ F ___ The best way to know a church is right for me is if it makes me feel good about myself.
- 2) T ___ F ___ Churchgoers should learn to put on their best face to fit in with everyone else.
- 3) T ___ F ___ A church should work like a hospital where broken people come to be healed.
- 4) T ___ F ___ Churchgoers are nothing but a bunch of artificial, judgmental, hypocrites.
- 5) T ___ F ___ The main purpose of the Church is to get people saved.
- 6) T ___ F ___ A Christian can be committed and faithful to God without fellowship with the body of Christ.
- 7) T ___ F ___ Every member has been given spiritual gifts they can use to benefit the Church.
- 8) T ___ F ___ Not all church members are called to serve in the church.
- 9) T ___ F ___ Regular church attendance is very important and valuable in my walk with God.
- 10) T ___ F ___ Church attendance today is not as important as it used to be.
- 11) T ___ F ___ Christians should give at least 10% of their income to the church they attend.
- 12) T ___ F ___ Those who minister in the Church should be supported by our tithes and offerings.
- 13) T ___ F ___ God needs our tithes and offerings to accomplish His work on earth.
- 14) T ___ F ___ As long as I am giving financially to a church, I don't need to serve in the church.
- 15) T ___ F ___ A healthy church will put great emphasis on the reading and studying of God's Word.
- 16) T ___ F ___ The Church has not adapted well to our changing culture. It is not relevant for today.

What is the Church?

- 1) The Church (capital 'C') is the global Body of Christ made up of true Christians across all denominations. The Bible also refers to the Church as the Bride of Christ. (**Romans 12:4-5 and Ephesians 2:19-21**)
- 2) A church (lowercase 'c') is a local group of like-minded individuals who gather regularly to worship God and learn about Him. It can also refer to the building where they gather.

What is the Purpose of the Church?

- 1) The purpose of the church is to make and train disciples by teaching Biblical doctrine and providing opportunities to worship God together and fellowship with each other. (**Matthew 28:19-20**)
- 2) Calvary Chapel Klamath Falls summarizes this purpose as 'Loving God, Loving Others, Making Disciples'.



What Should You Expect from a Church?

1) Core Expectations

- a. _____ Teaching and Sound _____
 - i. Expect your church to help you grow through the faithful teaching of God's Word.
 - ii. Expect your church to teach the Word of God. **(Ephesians 4:11-16)**
 - iii. Expect the teachings of the church to accurately align with Biblical truths.
(2 Timothy 3:16)
- b. Opportunities for _____ and _____
 - i. Expect your church to help you connect with God through congregational music, prayer, and reading of scripture. **(Psalm 26:12, Psalm 111:1, and Psalm 134:1-2)**
- c. Opportunities for _____ and _____
 - i. Expect your church to help you grow through fellowship with other believers.
(Ephesians 4:16 and 1 John 1:7)
 - ii. You will find new meaning to church as you grow and discover your place in the family of God. **(Ephesians 2:19)**
 - iii. Christian television, radio, music, and books are no substitute for fellowship and personal involvement with other believers.
 - iv. Expect your church to provide opportunities to fulfill the 'one anothers' of scripture.
- d. Opportunities to _____
 - i. Expect your church to equip you for service. **(Ephesians 4:11-12)**
 - ii. Expect your church to provide opportunities to use your spiritual gifts.
 - iii. Write down some opportunities to serve at CCKF that may interest you:

- e. Reaching the _____
 - i. Expect your church to participate in The Great Commission.
(Matthew 28:19-20 and Mark 16:15)
 - ii. Expect your church to share in Christ's mission. **(Luke 19:10)**



2) Unrealistic Expectations

- a. _____
 - i. A church is a body of imperfect people worshiping a perfect God.
 - ii. Leaders and other churchgoers will often let you down.
 - iii. The church is comprised of people who recognize their need for Jesus.
- b. _____
 - i. It's not the job of the church to entertain you. The job of the church is to feed you spiritually.
 - ii. Don't prioritize musical styles or dynamic personalities over spiritual substance.
- c. _____
 - i. Don't confuse spiritual prosperity with material prosperity. **(Matthew 6:19-20)**
 - ii. Beware of those who teach about financial prosperity.
- d. _____
 - i. Comfortable Christianity is an oxymoron. Growth is never comfortable.
 - ii. Be open to exhortation (urging or pressure to do something) and discipline.
(Hebrews 3:13, Hebrews 12:5, Hebrews 12:7, and Hebrews 12:11)
- e. _____
 - i. Don't expect your church to meet all your physical or financial needs. God is the only one that can meet all your needs.
(Philippians 4:19 and Matthew 6:33)

What is Your Role in the Church?

- 1) _____ and _____
 - a. Regularly assemble for worship, communion, and prayer to maintain unity and community.
(Acts 2:42, Acts 2:46-47, Hebrews 10:24-25, and Psalm 122:1)
- 2) Active _____ and _____
 - a. Utilize your personal spiritual gifts to strengthen the church body.
(1 Corinthians 12:4-7, Romans 12:6-8, and Galatians 6:9-10)
 - b. Steward your time and resources for God's mission. **(1 Timothy 5:17-18, Galatians 6:6, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, and Luke 6:38)**



- 3) Spiritual _____ and _____
 - a. Pursue personal holiness, study the Word, and develop into a mature disciple.
(Hebrews 12:14, 1 Peter 2:2, Ephesians 4:14-15, and 2 Timothy 3:14-15)
- 4) Building _____
 - a. Actively connect with others, foster love, and avoid gossip. **(John 13:34-35, Romans 12:10, Ephesians 4:29, and Leviticus 19:16)**
- 5) Supportive _____
 - a. Submit to, pray for, and encourage church leadership. **(Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:5, and Ephesians 5:21)**
- 6) Representing _____
 - a. Reflect God's character to the world through your actions and evangelism.
(1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Matthew 5:16, and 2 Timothy 4:2)



Verses about the Church

Practice finding verses in your Bible by looking up the following verses concerning the Church. Write the verse or a summary of the verse in the space provided. Choose your favorite verses and commit them to memory.

Romans 12:4-5 - _____

1 Corinthians 12:27 - _____

Ephesians 2:19-21 - _____

Matthew 28:19-20 - _____

Hebrews 12:12-13 - _____

Ephesians 4:11-13 - _____

Psalms 26:12 - _____

Psalms 111:1 - _____

1 John 1:7 - _____

Acts 2:46-47 - _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 - _____

Psalms 122:1 - _____

1 Corinthians 12:4-7 - _____

Romans 12:6-8 - _____

1 Timothy 5:17-18 - _____

Hebrews 12:14 - _____

John 13:34-35 - _____

Hebrews 13:17 - _____

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 - _____