

Week of June 19 - "Re-Church"

Connecting With One Another

Before becoming a believer, what was your image of church? Now, as a believer, what is your image of church? What factors do you think have influenced you having those images?

Discussing & Applying the Message

1. The Church as God's People

I will dwell and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be my people. (2 Corinthians 6:16b CSB)

We know, dear brothers and sisters, that God loves you and has chosen you to be his own people. (1 Thessalonians 1:4 NLT)

a. What should be the distinguishing mark of a church to be identified as God's people?

b. How often do you reflect that, "you're a part of the church as God's people"? How does this truth about your identity enable you to live for God's kingdom and not the kingdom of this world?

c. Why do you think that, "God loves you and has chosen you"? How does it feel to be loved and chosen by someone, and specially by God?

2. The Church as the Holy Spirit's Temple

[16]Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you? [17]God will destroy anyone who destroys this temple. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. (1 Corinthians 3:16-17 NLT)

[19]Don't you know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, [20]for you were bought at a price. So glorify God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 CSB)

a. What are some implications of having the Holy Spirit living in you personally, and living in us as a church corporately?

b. What are some ways the temple of God can possibly be destroyed? What is the consequence to someone who destroys God's temple?

c. Why is it important to glorify God with our bodies? How can we glorify God with our bodies?

3. The Church as Christ's Body

[22]And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, [23]which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (Ephesians 1:22-23 NIV)

Now you are the body of Christ, and individual members of it.
(1 Corinthians 12:27 CSB)

a. Who is the head of the church? What does it mean for him to be the head of the church, his body?

b. Individually as a member and collectively as a body of Christ, what should we do to continue growing healthier and serving more effectively?

c. What will you advise to someone who says, "I don't need to become a member of a local body of Christ. To me what only matters is my relationship with God."?

Grow & Minister

Minister to one another through sharing specific prayer requests.