

## The Church: Fellowship and Worship

### Lesson # 8 Homework

**Memorize: Hebrews 10:24-25**

*"And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."*

**I. The Church Universal**

"The Church is not a physical building, but a group of believers; not a denomination, sect, or association, but a spiritual Body. The Church is not an organization, but ... a communion, a fellowship that includes all believers."

**A. Read Colossians 1:18 and Ephesians 5:23.**

1. What is Christ's position in the church?

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2. How is the church described?

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**B. At what cost did Christ purchase the church (Acts 20:28)?**

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**C. How does a person become a member of the body of Christ?**

1. Colossians 3:15. We are \_\_\_\_\_ into the body.
2. I Corinthians 12:13. We are \_\_\_\_\_ into the body.

**II. The Local Church**

The New Testament describes how believers came together in small groups to worship Christ, receive instruction from the Scriptures, meet one another's needs, pray, and evangelize.

**A. The Local Church Illustrated**

1. Where did the believers meet before they had church buildings (Romans 16:5; I Corinthians 16:19)

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2. On what day of the week did they meet (Acts 20:7)?

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3. List four things to which the early church was devoted (Acts 2:42):

a. \_\_\_\_\_ c. \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ d. \_\_\_\_\_

**B. The Local Church Organized**

1. In Ephesians 4:11-12, God gave gifted men to the church.

a. List them: \_\_\_\_\_

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- b. God gave these gifted men to the church to equip the saints for what purposes (verse 12)?

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2. Elders/Overseers

a. The qualifications of an elder or overseer are stated in I Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:6-9.

b. What are the two major responsibilities of an elder (I Peter 5:1-2)?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

c. What is the responsibility of believers to the elders (Hebrews 13:17)?

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3. Deacons

The word “deacon” means “servant.” The deacons are to minister to the needs of the flock under the direction of the elders of the church. The qualifications of deacons are stated in I Timothy 3:8-13.

4. Member of the body

a. What does Hebrews 10:25 warn believers not to neglect?

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b. Hebrews 13:7 instructs us concerning those who teach us God’s Word. What should our response? (Circle the correct answer.)

1. That we should encourage others to come and hear them.

2. That we should not hope to have the kind of faith they have.

3. That we should observe their godly lives and follow their example of faith.

c. How should we act toward other members of the body (I Corinthians 12:25)?

5. How should those who are appointed to preach and teach be supported?

a. I Corinthians 9:14 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Galatians 6:6 \_\_\_\_\_

### III. Fellowship

The Bible uses the Greek word *koinonia* to describe fellowship within the body of Christ. That word means “participation with others in a common purpose.” The Latin equivalent is *communion*, pointing to the communion that is shared with other believers as well as with God.

**A. What is God’s desire for every local church (I Corinthians 1:10)?**

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**B. In Ephesians 4:2-3:**

1. What will promote unity (verse 2)? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What is our responsibility (verse 3)? \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Read Philippians 2:1-4. What is the key to maintaining unity within the body (verse 3)?**

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**D. Scripture is clear that the believer enjoys fellowship with:**

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1. God the Father – I John 1:3
2. God the Son – I John 1:3
3. Holy Spirit – II Corinthians 13:14
4. Other believers – I John 1:7

However, with whom is true fellowship not possible (II Corinthians 6:14-15)?

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**E. Fellowship within the body of Christ involves sharing in each other's lives. Below are some areas in which Christians should minister to one another:**

1. Romans 14:19 \_\_\_\_\_
2. Galatians 5:13 \_\_\_\_\_
3. Galatians 6:2 \_\_\_\_\_
4. James 5:16 \_\_\_\_\_

**F. What has God given to each Christian to help him or her minister to others within the church (I Peter 4:0-11)?**

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**IV. Worship**

The English word "worship" was originally spelled "worthship," meaning to acknowledge the worth of someone or something. We worship when we give honor to God for who He is. Worship acknowledges God's Person, nature, attributes, and works. It stems from a grateful heart and renders adoration, devotion, and submission to God.

**A. God seeks genuine worshippers.**

**Read John 4:23-24. How are we to worship God (verse 24)?**

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**If we are to worship God in truth (i.e., not in error), we must seek to know Him by learning about His attributes and actions.**

**B. We worship God because only He is worthy of our highest devotion. Read Revelation 4:10-11 and answer the following:**

1. What is God worthy to receive?

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2. Why? \_\_\_\_\_

**C. Worshiping God involves praise.**

How did the psalmist say God should be worshiped (Psalm 66:4)?

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**D. Worshiping God involves reverence.**

1. What did Moses do when he worshiped God (Exodus 34:8)?

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2. How is reverence for God revealed in the following verses?

a. Exodus 34:8 \_\_\_\_\_

b. Luke 7:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

c. Revelation 1:17 \_\_\_\_\_

*“O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;  
Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving;  
Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.  
For the Lord is a great God,  
And a great King above all gods,  
In whose hand are the depths of the earth;  
The peaks of the mountains are His also.  
The sea is His, for it was He who made it;  
And His hands formed the dry land.  
Come, let us worship and bow down;  
Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.”*

## **The Lord’s Supper**

**The Lord’s supper, or Communion is one of two ordinances given to the church by Jesus Christ, the other being baptism. The Lord’s Supper is an act of remembrance of Christ’s death.**

**Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 and write the answers to the following:**

- 1. The Bread is in remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 2. The cup is in remembrance of \_\_\_\_\_.**
- 3. Every time you partake in Communion you proclaim the Lord’s death (1 Corinthians 11:26). In light of that truth, what is the warning stated in 1 Corinthians 11:27-30**

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### **V. Application**

- A. Are you a member of the body of Christ?**

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**B. Are you a member of a local assembly of Christians?**

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**C. What have you learned from this study to improve your worship of God?**

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