



Partnership Training Week 7 Worksheet Church-Loving (pt. 3)

[2.2] What is the Local Church?

Definition/ _____: a community of Jesus-Followers who live as the on-the-ground expression of the _____ of Jesus by _____ his gospel in distance and depth.

The local church is to be _____ that Jesus is _____ in _____.

Expectation/ _____: Consistently _____ together under spiritual _____ for mutual _____ using the _____ of the Word and celebrating the _____, then going on _____.

(1) Consistently _____ together

How often did the Acts 2 church gather together? _____ by _____

(2) under spiritual oversight

E _____
Qualifications: 1 _____ 3:1-7
Functions:

(A) _____ the local church (1 Tim 5:17, 1 Pet 5:2)

(B) _____ the local church (1 Pet 5:2, Acts 20:28)

(C) _____ and _____ (1 Tim 5:17, Eph 4:11)

D _____
Qualification: 1 _____ 3:8-13
Function: _____ the local church

διακονέω (diakoneo) = to _____

You don't just "_____ " a local church, you _____ to it.

(3) for mutual _____ ("to _____")
How?

A) The ministry of the _____ (Acts 20:32; 2 Tim 3:15-17; 1 Pet 2:2)

B) _____ of godly _____ (Eph 4:11-12)

C) _____ of spiritual _____ (1 Cor 12:7; 1 Pet 4:10)

D) Practice of the " _____ " commands

- Be at peace with one another (Mark 9:50)
- Love one another (John 13:34)
- Honor one another (Romans 12:10)
- Live in harmony with one another (Romans 12:16)
- Stop passing judgement on one another (Romans 14:13)
- Accept one another (Romans 15:7)
- Instruct one another (Romans 15:14)
- Greet one another (Romans 16:16)
- Agree with one another (1 Corinthians 1:10)
- Serve one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Do not provoke or envy one another (Galatians 5:26)
- Bear with one another (Ephesians 4:2)
- Bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2)
- Be kind and compassionate to one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Speak to one another (Ephesians 5:19)
- Submit to one another (Ephesians 5:21)
- Forgive one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Teach and admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- Encourage one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Spur one another up (Hebrews 10:24)
- Do not slander one another (James 4:11)
- Confess your sins to one another (James 5:16)
- Pray for one another (James 5:16)
- Offer Hospitality to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- Be humble towards one another (1 Peter 5:5)

(4) using the _____ of the Word

It is God's _____ that brings the dead to _____!!!

(5) and celebrating the _____

A) _____ – The act of a new believer whereby he/she is _____ into water symbolizing his/her (1) _____ in Jesus as Savior and (2) _____ to Jesus as Lord.

B) _____ – _____ believers regularly partaking of bread and drink to _____ and _____ Christ's death as a sufficient sacrifice.

(6) then going on _____

The Great _____ – *"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:18-20)

Assignment: Answer the following questions...

- Write out your own definition or vision statement for the local church. Does it align with scripture? Why?
- Write a list of your own expectations for the church. Do they align with scripture? Why?
- Is submitting to your local church leadership hard for you? Why?
- Do you believe you are growing because of your involvement in this local church? Why? (if yes, in what areas?)
- Why should the Word of God be central to the local church?
- Have you been baptized as a believer? Why?
- Do you believe this church cares about the mission of God in the world? Why?

