The Church
Matt 16:18

Introduction
Wk 1: Overflow of a Gospel Culture, 1 Pet 2:9
Who we are: A People of God
Why we are here: To Proclaim the excellencies of Him.

Wk 2: God, the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, 1 Cor 8:4-6
The Heavens declare the glory of God, Ps 19 How BIG is your God?

Wk 3: Jesus is Lord! Eph 1:20-23 Seated at the right hand of God,
Above all rule, authority, power, dominion, Heb 10:12-13 Until...

Wk 4: Jesus is Head over the Church

What is the Church?
Eph 1:22-23 The church which is His ________
A ___________ of people, uniquely related to Jesus Christ, Believers in Christ
A group of people who have been baptized into the Body of Christ, 1 Cor 12:13
Universal church (all believers) Local Church (believers in a specific location)
The church is not a building, an event, or an organization

How is the Church to Function Internally?
Acts 2:42 Believers Devoted to: 1) ________________ 2) ________________
3) ___________ Together, 4) ________________
vs 46 Two venues: the temple (Large Group) and house to house (Small Groups)
Heb 10:23-25 Assemble together to ____________ one another
to edify one another, 1 Cor 12:12, 26
with the assistance of Deacons, Act 6:1-7

All this for What Purpose? Why Does the Church Exist?
As a ___________ facility (an Embassy) for each Believer, (Ambassador) 2 Cor 5:20
Such that each believer is better able to fulfill their unique calling, Eph 2:10
The Church provides Training, Support, and Care
A gathering where Ambassadors worship the King together, and
Live out the one another’s in support of each other, Devoted, Rom 12:10
The Church does not make disciples, Disciples make disciples.
Church in our Culture

Sacred Event

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Come and ________
“We can do it, and You can Help”

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What is our Response?  What Will We Become?

Acts 2:42  A Group of Believers:

1. Devoted to Sound __________ of the Bible, 2 Tim 3:16-17
   To become equipped for every good work

2. Devoted to ______ ____________ Rom 12:10-13
   To love, encourage, edify, care for

3. Devoted to ____________ Col 4:2-3
   Alert, giving thanks, praying for an open door

4. Devoted to the __________ of Christ 1 Cor 15:58
   Abounding in the work of the Lord, Ambassadors
   Making Disciples who make disciples 2 Cor 5:20-21
   Matt 18:18-20

First Practical Step

Acts 2:46

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Join and Commit to being part of a Home Group. (and invite your friends)

Live out the one another’s:
Rom 15:7  Accept one another
Rom 15:14  Admonish one another 1 Cor 12:25  Care for one another
Gal 5:13  Serve one another Gal 6:2 Bear one another’s burdens
1 Thess 5:11  Encourage one another James 5:16 Pray for one another
1 John 4:11 Love one another