

What is the Church?

Study 4: The church is Christ's witness to the world

READ Matt 28:18-20, Acts 1:8, Rom 10:14-15 and **LISTEN** to Andrew's [sermon](#).

God created the church as His means to bring people to faith. He uses Christians both as individuals and corporately to witness to this world and tell them of who God is, and what He has done by sending Jesus to pay for our sins. Though He has no need of our help, He gives us the massive privilege of being involved in this mission. You and I are missionaries! God sends us to share the good news of Jesus with the lost around us.

Main lesson: The church exists to individually and corporately proclaim the message of the Gospel

Questions:

1. In Matt 28:18-20, What are we commanded to do, and how are we to do it? (Clue – 4 verbs in the verses)
2. What authority does Jesus claim in giving us this command to make disciples? How does this shape our response to the command?
3. What promise does God make in verse 20 that should encourage us? Who is that promise for?
4. Who told you the gospel? When did that happen?

5. Who are the people around you that don't yet know Jesus? Make a list of 5 of them and take a moment to pray for an opportunity to share with them.
6. Most people fear sharing their faith. How do Jesus' words in Acts 1:8 help us?
7. What are the different ways we corporately (as the church) witness about Jesus?
8. Jesus commands us (Matt 5:13-16) to live as "light". What are some things that affect how we shine light both individually and together?
9. What are some ways that the gospel should be heard when we gather together?
10. The church sends missionaries to proclaim the gospel in other places. What can you do to support this work?
11. What do you need to do differently as a result of what was taught in this study/sermon?

STOP AND PRAY:

Adore: the God who is on mission in this world to save sinners

Thank: the Lord for choosing to use His people to participate in that work

Pray: that you would take steps to grow in a specific area in the coming weeks