Life Changing Ministries International

 Bible Study Syllabus

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The Church Memory verse: Matthew 16:18

***Ekklesia* = Called Out**

**OBJECTIVES:** To understand the definition of the church, basic characteristics

of the church, and the basic interaction of the members of the Body of Christ.

**INTRODUCTION:** The Church is not a building “per se”, but rather consists

of many believers, both local, abroad, and individual who represent the true

children of God that are “called out” of the world through salvation in Jesus

Christ. Each member, being just as important as the next, has a unique role in

the Body of Christ and together we all fulfill the plan of God.

**I. THE CHURCH =** [Church—term used as “Body of Christ” in relation to the world]

**A. Called Out** 1 John 2:15–18, 4:5, 1 Pet. 2:9–10, James 4:4, Col. 1:13–14, John 15:19,

Gen. 12:3, Josh. 24:2–3 (Acts 2 = ‘Birth’ of Church)

**B. Represents Jesus** Acts 11:26, 2 Cor. 3:2–3, 1 Pet. 4:12–16, Acts 24:5, Acts 26:28

**C. Body of Christ** Col. 1:18, 24, Rom. 12:4–5, Eph. 1:22–23, 1 Cor. 12:27

**D. O.T. typology** (Israel): 1 Cor. 10:1–11, Exod. 19:5–6, 1 Pet. 2:9–10

**E. Rewards/Judgment for Saints =** (Bema seat [Christian reward]—not Great White Throne of Judgment = [unbeliever’s punishment]): Luke 14:14, 1 Pet. 5:4, 2 Cor. 5:10, 1 Cor. 3:11–15, Rev. 4:1–4, 9–11, Rom. 14:10

**F. Engaged/Raptured/Married** Eph. 5:27, Rev. 19:7–9, Rom. 7:4, 2 Cor. 11:2

**G. Purposes** Luke 4:18, Gal. 2:10, Phil. 2:15, Matt. 28:19–20, Acts 4:32, 1:4–8, 2 Cor. 5:18–20, Mark 16:15–20, James 1:27, Isa. 58:7

**II. THE MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH =** [Body of Christ—term used as “Church” relates intimately to Jesus]

**A. Part of a Whole/Prominent Equality** Rom. 12:4–5, 1 Cor. 12:14–23

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**B. Support the Weak** Acts 20:35, 2 Sam. 9, Gal. 6:1–3, Rom. 15:1–2, 1 Cor. 12:24–26

**C. Unified** Rom. 12:4–5, 15:5–7, Rev. 2, 3

**D. Saved Only Are Members** Rom. 8:9, John 10:15–16, 2 Tim. 2:19, John 10:26–27

**E. Always Seek Fruit of the Spirit rather than the Gifts of the Spirit**

1 Cor. 12, 13, 14:12, 16:14, John 15:8, Gal. 5:22–23, Gal. 5:6

**F. Always Seek to Be Used by the Spirit rather than to Use the Spirit**

Rom. 8:14, John 5:30, 1 Sam. 13:11–12, Exod. 19:5, 22:23, Eph. 4:3, Deut. 13:4,

Rev. 1:10, 2:7, 2:11, 2:29, 3:6, 3:13, 3:22, John 14:26, 1 Sam. 15:22–23, John 16:13,

1 Cor. 12, 1 Cor. 13, 1 Cor. 14

**CONCLUSION** The church has a powerful and unique ministry coupled with

tremendous responsibilities. Moreover, God expects the church to proclaim

the message of atonement through Jesus by the light that they shine and the

seasoning of their salt. We must ensure that we are constantly living to the degree

in Jesus that God’s standard calls for. We must represent our Savior and

Father well, for the world needs to see and hear the real church … the Body of

Christ.

**REVIEW**

• What is the definition of the Church?

• Who are the true members of the Church?

• What O.T. nation was a typology of the N.T. church?

• What are some of the purposes and trademarks of the Church?

• Explain what type of church Jesus is coming back for.

**KEY TERMS**

The Church - Body of Christ – Ekklesia – rapture - “caught up” - “bema” seat

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