

Better Together

DISCOVERING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

THE CHURCH: AN ENVIRONMENT FOR GROWTH

Acts 2:41-47

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The church is a place of continued _____.

“Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

The church is a place of _____.

Disciple: A committed follower of Jesus.

Discipleship: The process of becoming a committed follower of Jesus.

“And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.” Luke 9:23-24

Discipleship is part of the _____.

“Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:19-20

Discipleship is a lifelong _____.

“Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” John 8:31-32

Every Christian should go through some form of _____.

The church is a place immersed in _____.

Doctrine: Comes from the Latin word *doctrina* which means “teaching or instruction” and is a codification of beliefs or a body of teachings and instructions, taught principles and positions.

“Doctrine is a theological formulation that attempts to provide a summary statement of the teaching of Scripture on a particular theological topic. Doctrine is formed by faithful adherence to Scripture and is not based on the traditions of the church or the thought patterns of the day. Doctrine is a body of truth stated in such a way that contemporary people can understand the teaching of the ancient Scriptures.”

“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Doctrine: What is right.

Reproof: What is wrong.

Correction: How to fix what is wrong.

Instruction in Righteousness: How to keep it right.

Doctrine is the glue that hold the church _____.

“As I besought thee to abide still at Ephesus, when I went into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, Neither give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questions, rather than godly edifying which is in faith: so do. Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: From which some having swerved have turned aside unto vain jangling; Desiring to be teachers of the law; understanding neither what they say, nor whereof they affirm.” 1 Timothy 1:3-7

“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.” 2 John 1:9

You can afford to get some things in life wrong. _____ isn't one of them.

“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds.” 2 John 1:10-11

The church is a place to _____ your faith.

Love • Pray • Give • Serve • Invest

Commit to a lifelong process of _____.

Commit to _____.

Commit to building your life on _____.

Determine where you can _____ and commit to it.

