

Destino Leadership Institute

Module 2: The Church Homework Assignment

In the New Testament the word for “church” in the original language it was written in (Koine Greek) is “*ecclesia*,” which is a combination of two words that together mean “to call out”. As it was used, the word meant “assembly”, and was adopted in the New Testament times to refer to the church in two ways: First, the local “assembly” or congregation of Christians meeting together for worship, Bible study, teaching and service. Second, the word referred to the “universal church,” or every single believer in Jesus Christ, all over the world *and* throughout history.

1. What did the early Christians model for us?

Acts 2:41, 42—

Acts 4:31, 8:4—

Acts 5:41, 42—

2. As God’s children, what are we to not neglect? (Hebrews 10:25)

3. The entire church is compared to a _____, of which Christ is the _____ and the believers are the _____. (Colossians 1:18, I Corinthians 12:27)

4. Read I Thessalonians 1:1-10, then list some qualities God desires for members of any church.

5. Why should you be baptized? (Matthew 28:19)

6. What is the purpose of the holy communion service? (I Corinthians 11:23-26)

7. What should be one of the basic purposes of church? (II Timothy 4:2)

8. What are some of your own reasons for joining a church? List several that come to mind:

9. What should the church believe about Christ?

His birth (Matthew 1:23)—

His person (John 1:14)—

His death (I Peter 2:24)—

His future ministry (I Thessalonians 4:16, 17)—

10. Whom did God give, besides prophets and apostles, to strengthen the church members

(Ephesians 4:11, 12)

11. How can we demonstrate that we are Christ's disciples? (John 13: 34, 35)

Here are some suggestions for making your church worship more meaningful:

Bow for silent prayer before the service or Mass begins. Pray for yourself, for the priest or minister, for those taking part in the service and for those worshipping, that Christ will be very real to all, and that those who do not know Christ may come to know Him.

Always take your Bible. Underline portions that are made especially meaningful by the sermons or homilies.

Meditate on, or think deeply and carefully about, the words of the hymns and worship songs.

Take notes on the sermon and apply them to your life.

What questions about the Church do you have?