

Church

Purpose

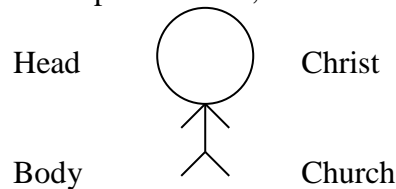
To understand the biblical foundation of the church.
To understand the role as a disciple in the church.

Introduction

Have a good talk about how Jesus impacts their lives till this moment.

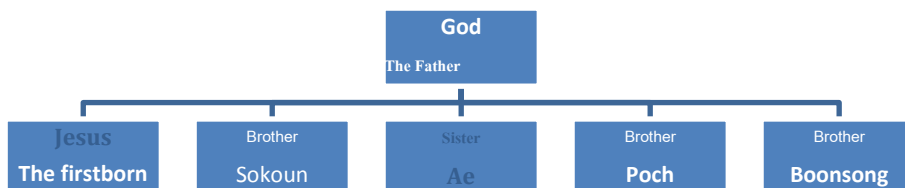
1) What is the church?

- ‘Church’ is translated from ‘ekklesia’ (common Greek word for ‘assembly’)
- In the New Testament, ‘church’ is mostly used in a spiritual sense as the Assembly of God’s people both eternally and locally.
 - The assembly of all who will live in heaven and those saved on earth.
 - The assembly of baptized disciples in a certain geographic area that share the hope of eternal life.
- **Ephesians 4:4** There is one body.
- **Colossians 1:15-18**
 - Jesus is the head of the body and the body is the church
 - In order to have a relationship with Jesus; one must be a part of his body.



● Ephesians 2:19-22

- Church is the family of God.
- All members of God’s family are brothers and sisters in the Lord
- Standard of the church is the Bible, God, Jesus, and the Spirit.



←-----We are brothers and sisters ----->

2) Responsibilities to the church 1Corinthians 12:12-27

Church is the body of Christ. Everyone in the body is very important in God's eyes and everyone needs each other to function as the body.

► The church needs you

You are a part of the body and you are an important part.

Church is made up from different disciples. What roles you can fulfill in the body? What gifts you can use to build up God's kingdom?

1 Peter 4:8-11

Ministry of the local church (i.e. shared responsibilities of every disciple)

- Loving one another (John 13:34-35)
- Encouraging one another (Hebrew 3:12-14, Hebrew 10:24)
- Proclaiming the good news
(Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15-16, Acts 1:8)
- Conflict resolution (Matthew 18:15-20)
- Financial support of the fellowship
(1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8)
- Benevolence (1 John 3:16-18)

► You need the church

Nobody can live and survive without others. You are one of the parts in the body. When parts of the body are cut, the body hurts and the part hurts too.

We all need to be part of the church (body) Why is that?

- To be strengthened spiritually.
(1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrew 10:25)
- To be loved and protected from the world.
(Matthew 7:13-15, Acts 20:28-31)
- To be prepared to face Jesus when he comes.
(1 Thessalonians 5:1-11)

3) Example of the church

Acts 2:42-47

- Devotion of disciples (to teaching, fellowship, breaking of the bread, and prayer)
- Disciples were filled with awe of God's power.
- Disciples care for each other needs.
- Disciples worshiped God with zeal.
- Disciples are joyful.
- The church had grown because God added to their number daily.

Practical challenges:

- Becoming a Christian as soon as possible.
- Putting all the lessons into practice.

Memory scripture : Ephesians 2:19

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and member of God's household.