

Handy Guide to Simple Church

Discuss the who, when, where, why, and what questions for a church meeting.

Who is the church?

Read: Acts 2:41; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31; Ephesians 5:22-33; John 1:12; Romans 16:17; 1 Peter 2:4-10; John 10:11; Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 5:2

Answer: *Baptized believers. One body of Christ with many members. The Bride and Body of Christ. Those who believe and receive Jesus. Living stones built upon the cornerstone of Jesus Christ. A holy nation. The flock which He bought at a price.*

When does the church meet?

Read: Acts 2:46; Hebrews 10:24-25

Answer: *Regularly. At least once a week.*

Where does the church meet?

Read: Acts 2:46; Acts 5:42; Acts 16:40; Romans 16:1-5; 1 Cor 16:19; Colossians 4:15 Philemon 1:2

Answer: *The church can meet anywhere, but in the New Testament they mostly met in homes.*

Why does the church meet?

Read: 1 Corinthians 10:31; Hebrews 10:24-25

Answer: *For the glory of God. To encourage and spur one another on to love and good deeds.*

What does the church do?

Read: Acts 2:36-47

Answer: *repent and believe and take baptism, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, accept the good news of the gospel, devote themselves to teaching of the word of God, give and receive the Lord's supper, pray, give, love one another, worship, make disciples.*

During the Practice portion of Look Forward: Memorize the Handy Guide to Simple Church by making hand motions for each answer to the questions: *Who is the Church? When does the church meet? Where does the church meet? Why does the church meet? What does the church do?*