

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

- Most people don't understand _____ the Church is, much less _____ the Church is.
- The Church wasn't some idea birthed out of the head of man.
 - Rather, it was birthed out of the heart of _____.

WHAT THE CHURCH ISN'T

- The Church is not a _____.
 - The word "church" is used over 140 times in the New Testament, not once referring to stones, wood, a storefront, or a mini-mall.
- In Acts, when the Church is persecuted, it's talking about _____.
 - It's a little difficult to persecute rocks and wood.
- The Church is not a _____.
 - A person may belong to a denomination without being part of the _____.
- The Church is not a nationalistic enterprise.
 - Just because you're an American does not mean you are a Christian.
 - Examples are the Church of _____ and the Church of Rome.

WHAT THE CHURCH IS

- The word "church" comes from the Greek word *ekklesia*, which means "_____".
 - The Church was comprised of "the called out ones;" those who were called to assemble together.
- Jesus' primary reason for establishing the Church is to _____ God.
 - In this, there are three different way in which believers glorify him:
 - _____ - lifting up and magnifying the glory of God.
 - _____ - sharing the gospel with the lost.
 - _____ - no Christian can go through life alone.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

- You are helping launch a new church!
 - You are doing this by:
 - Sharing the _____ and making disciples in a particular neighborhood or village.
 - Training and modeling discipleship and _____ for the nationals you'll be working with.
- After leading a person to Christ, ask them when you can return for a visit.
- Upon returning to visit the new believer, keep these things in mind:
 - Review salvation – go back through what you talked about with them earlier.
 - Make sure the new disciple has either a _____ or a New Testament.
 - Explain that they must spend time with the Lord in order to grow.
 - Help them solidify their faith.
 - If given the chance, let the local believer lead the new disciple through any material.
 - If the new church is ready, go ahead and set up future times for nationals to meet with the new believer.
 - **BE SURE TO _____ FOR AND WITH THE NEW BELIEVER.**
 - _____ them to an evening meeting.
- You are helping the new believer grow in their walk with Christ.
- You are helping the new believer _____ with others.
- You are helping the new believer own, live out, and begin sharing their faith!
- You are stressing the importance of discipleship and evangelism to the nationals and translators.

Keys to the Kingdom Verses of the Week:

John 3:16

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”

Revelation 1:7

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.