WHY THE CHURCH STILL MATTERS

Lesson 1

A Body, a Bride, and a Building

A Human Body

- 1 Corinthians 12
- The body is a single entity made up of diverse parts.

If you had to lose the use of one part of your body, which would you lose and why: eyes, ears, mouth, legs, feet, or hands?

How would the loss affect your ability to function?

How could an injury in one part lead to damage to another part?

A Human Body

- 1 Corinthians 12
- The body is a single entity made up of diverse parts.
- Each part plays an important role.

A Human Body

• The head of the church is Jesus Christ.

A Bride

- Ephesians 5:22–33
- A future wedding will take place.
- An engagement ring has been given as a promise of the wedding.

A Bride

• The bride is to be pure and devoted to the groom.

A Building

- 1 Corinthians 3:9–20
- The building is to be built by positive and biblical communication between believers.
- The work is to be done in conjunction with others.

A Family Fellowship

• 1 Timothy 5:1–2



Lesson 2

Mission Incredible

Motto #1: "The Chosen Vehicle To Carry Out God's Plan In This World"

What are some of the aspects of discipleship that can only take place in a church?

Motto #2: "The Chosen Structure Within Which The Christian Is To Worship And Grow"

Scripture Search

- Romans 12:10; 13:8; 14:13; 15:7, 14; 16:16
- Galatians 5:13
- Ephesians 4:2, 32
- Colossians 3:16

- 1 Thessalonians
 4:9, 18; 5:11
- Hebrews 3:13
- 1 Peter 1:22
- 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7, 11

Motto #3: "The Primary Place of a Christian's Giving, Service, And Fellowship"



Lesson 3

What Do We Do Now?

A Biblical Church Preaches and Teaches Doctrinal Truth (v. 42).

A Biblical Church Fellowships (v. 42).

A Biblical Church Practices Baptism and the Lord's Supper (v. 39, 42).

A Biblical Church Prays (v. 42).

Prayer in the Early Church

- Acts 1:21–24 Acts 16:25
- Acts 3:9–21, 31
- Acts 6:3–6
- Acts 12:12–15
- Acts 13:1–3

Acts 20:16–18, 36–38

A Biblical Church Gives Its Resources to Meet People's Needs (v. 44–45).

A Biblical Church Worships Regularly (v. 46–47a).

A Biblical Church Makes an Impact on the World (v. 47b).

How well is our church and youth group carrying out its mission in this world?

What can we do to be more like the first church?



Lesson 4

Fighting For Her Life

False Doctrine

Small Group Study

• 2 Peter 2:1–22

Impurity

What warning does this give to teens in regard to their purity and relationship to the church?

Dissension

Division

- Proverbs 6:12–19
- Romans 16:17–19
- Titus 3:10–11
- Jude 18–19
- Galatians 5:20

Division

- Division causes people to turn their backs on one another.
- Division causes people to stop speaking to one another.
- Division causes people to form parties against one another.

How do divisions start in a youth group?

How many of you feel there are divisions in our youth group?



Lesson 5

Enlisting For Jesus

A Member of a Body

- Spiritual gifts
 - Romans 12:4-8
 - 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, 27-30
 - Ephesians 4:11–16
 - 1 Peter 4:10-11

A Builder

• 1 Corinthians 3:10–17

A Family Member

- Romans 8:15–17
- Galatians 3:6–7

What do you think your suffering might be in the future for the cause of Christ?

What are you willing to suffer for Him?

A Servant In God's House

How effective are you as a servant of God?

Do you obey without question and show respect to God?

