

Assignment #5 “The Beauty of the Bride (Christ’s Church)”

Principle:

Passages: Acts 2:42-47 Titus 2:1-8 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
Ephesians 2:19 Ephesians 4:11-16 Hebrews 10:23-25
1 Timothy 3:5

Please study these verses and then answer the following questions. Be concise in your answers. List specific principles that you glean from your study of these passages and give the accompanying scripture reference.

1. Describe the atmosphere of the early church as illustrated in Acts 2:42-47.
2. Ephesians 2:19 and 1 Timothy 3:5 liken the church to a “household” or a “family.” What implications might there be from this description of the church in terms of how you see your involvement? How do you see children, youth, singles, college students, married couples, and families fitting into this design?
3. What do Titus 2:1-8, Ephesians 4:11-16, 1 Corinthians 12:12-27 and Hebrews 10:23-25 tell us regarding the design of the local church? What role should the local church play in the life of a Christian? What role should a Christian play in the life of the local church?
4. What kind of commitment should we manifest to one another within the local church and what might that practically look like in this day and age?
5. In light of this study, what are some of the implications for those who are unattached, either by only showing up on Sunday mornings or not attending all together?
6. Summarize this assignment into a short principle statement and write it in the space above.
7. How does this principle connect with you at a heart or emotional level?
8. How would you communicate this to someone who is not plugged into a church?
9. How is God speaking to your own heart? What will be different as a result of this study?