

Christianity 101

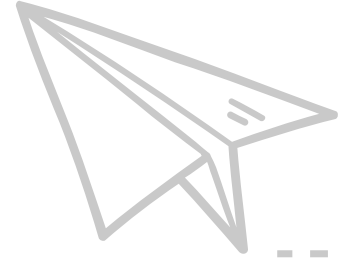
What is The Church?



We will...



1. Define the Church
2. Study why the Church is important
3. Discuss how to find a Biblical Church



Defining Key Terms

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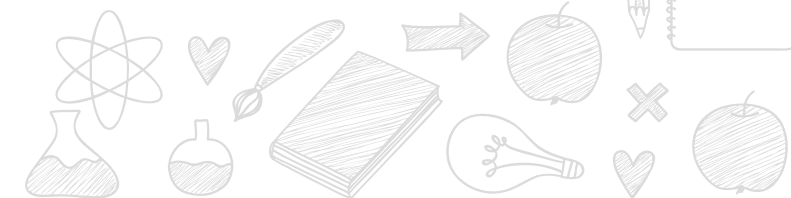


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An assembly.

People with a shared belief.

- OT - Assembly of Israel
- Then Moses spoke in the hearing of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were complete.
Deut 31:30
- NT - Christians in a specific place/area



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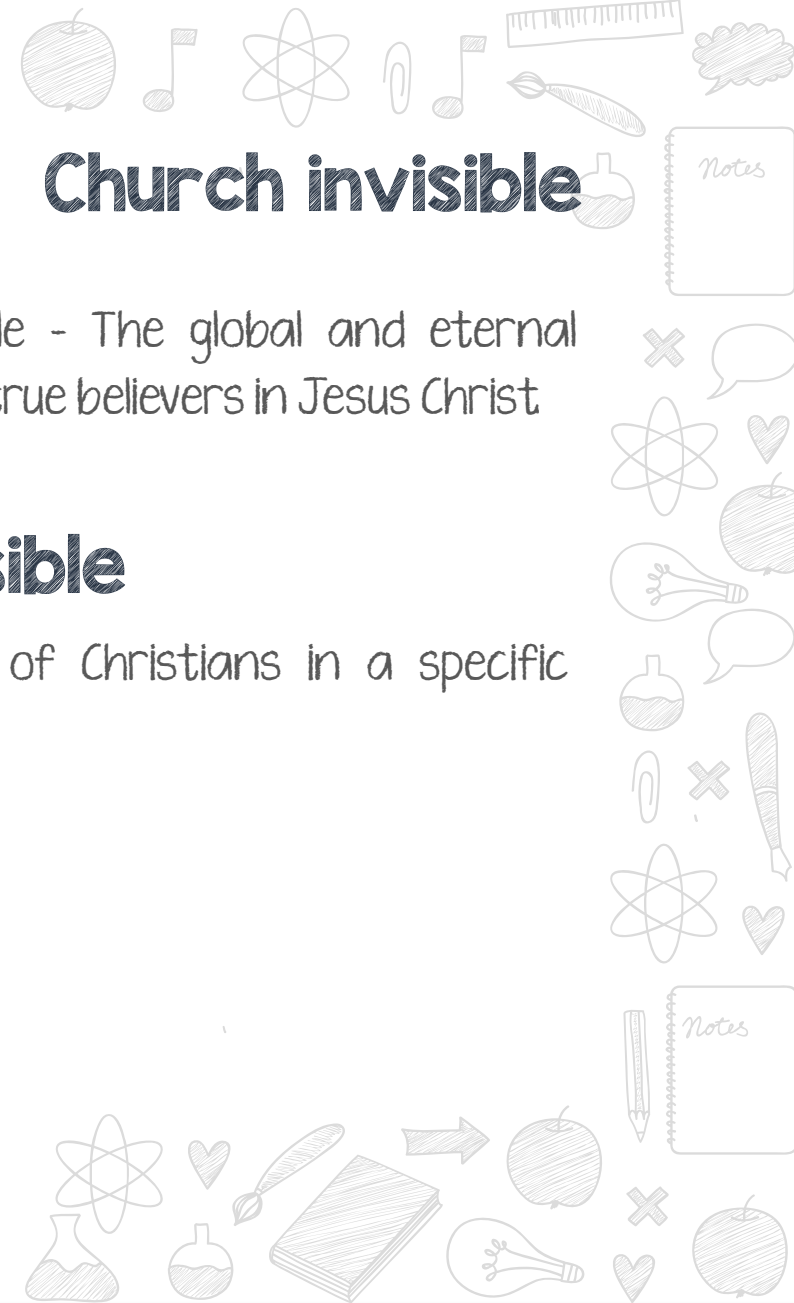


Church invisible

The church invisible - The global and eternal community of all true believers in Jesus Christ

Church Visible

A local gathering of Christians in a specific place or area.



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The Regulative Principle

The regulative principle of worship states that the corporate worship of God is to be founded upon specific directions of Scripture.
- Ligonier Min.

Wherever we see the Word of God purely preached and heard, and the sacraments administered according to Christ's institution, there, it is not to be doubted, a church of God exists. - John Calvin



Why is the Church Important?

What was the purpose of Christ's first coming?



For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, **to testify to the truth**. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice."

John 18:37b



For the Son of Man has come **to seek and to save that which was lost**"

Luke 19:10



He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, **so that I may preach** there also; for that is what I came for."

Mark 1:38



It is a trustworthy statement, deserving full acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**

1 Tim 1:15a

Why is the church Important?

I. It's the Priority of Jesus Christ

- a. The foundation of the Church is unity in the confession of Jesus as the Messiah

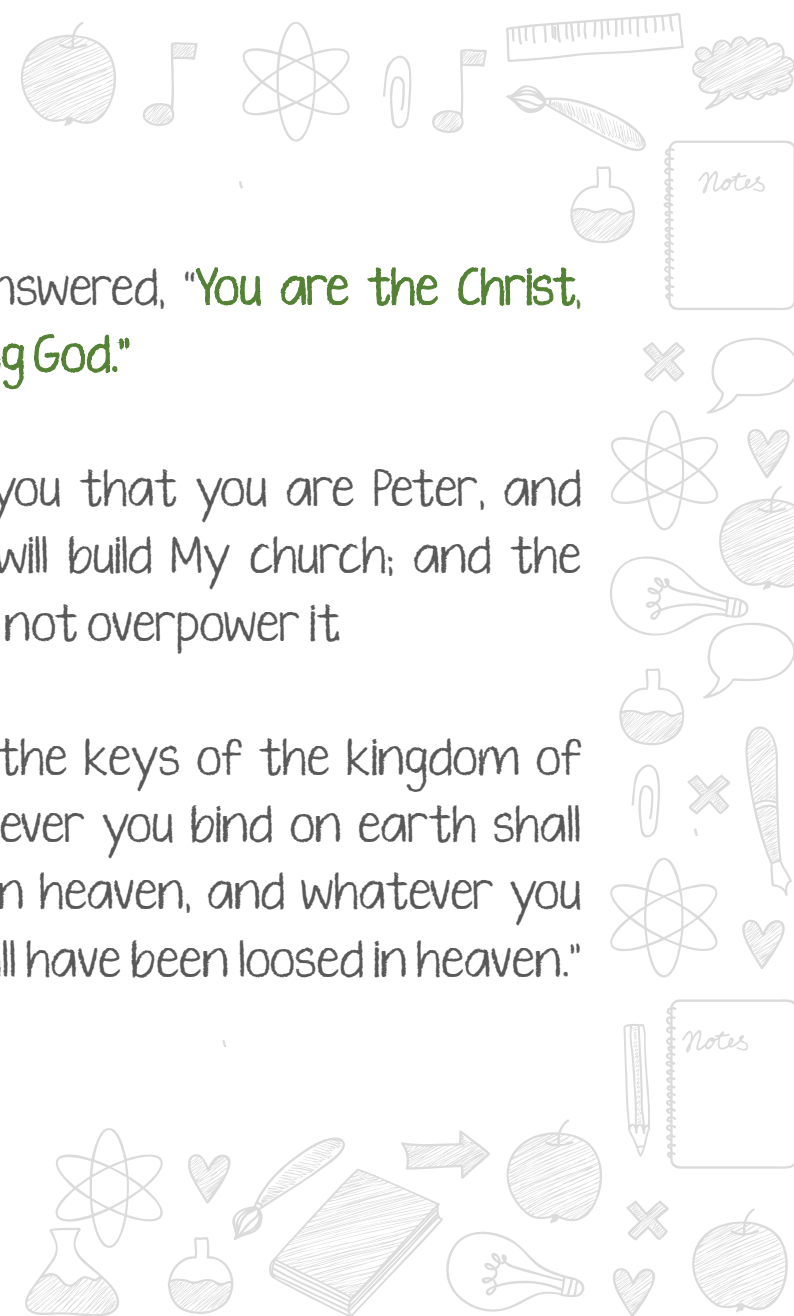


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 - c. The Church belongs to Jesus Christ

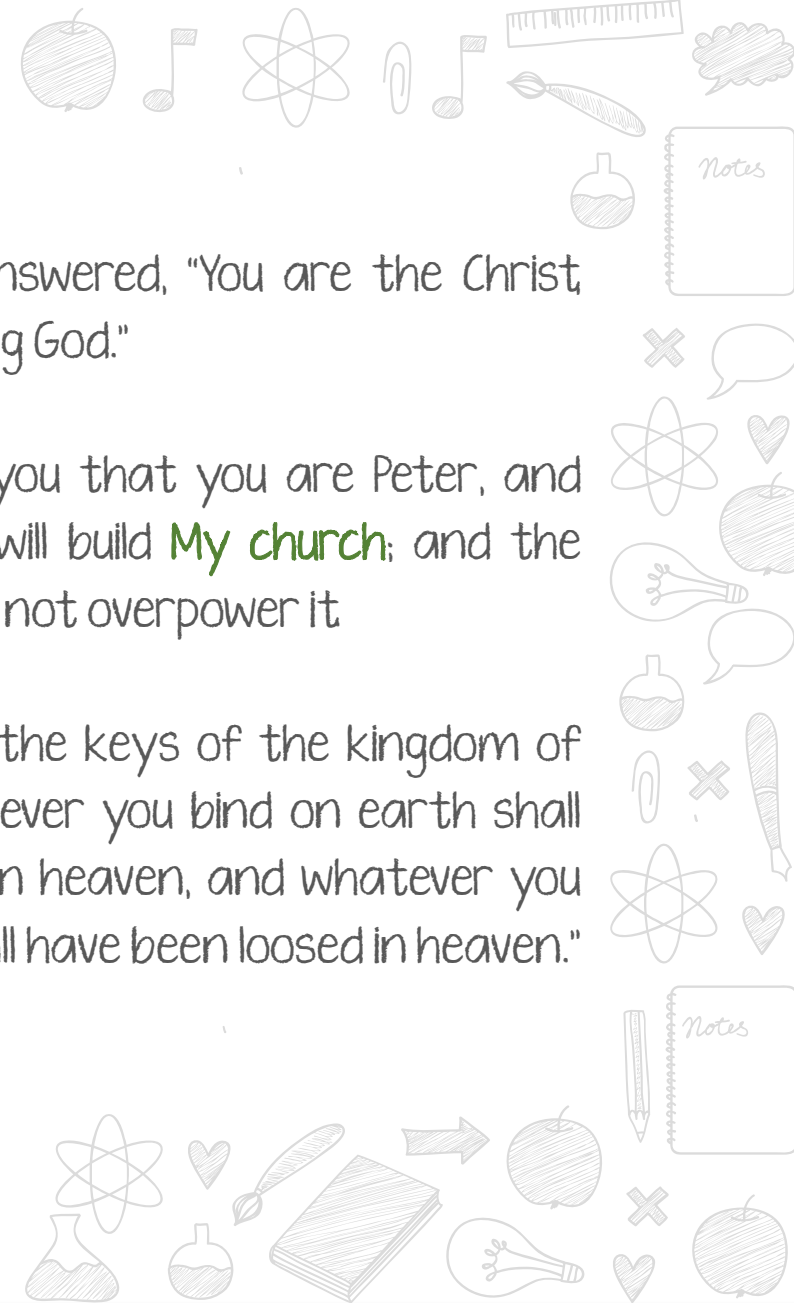


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 - e. Christ gives the church its authority

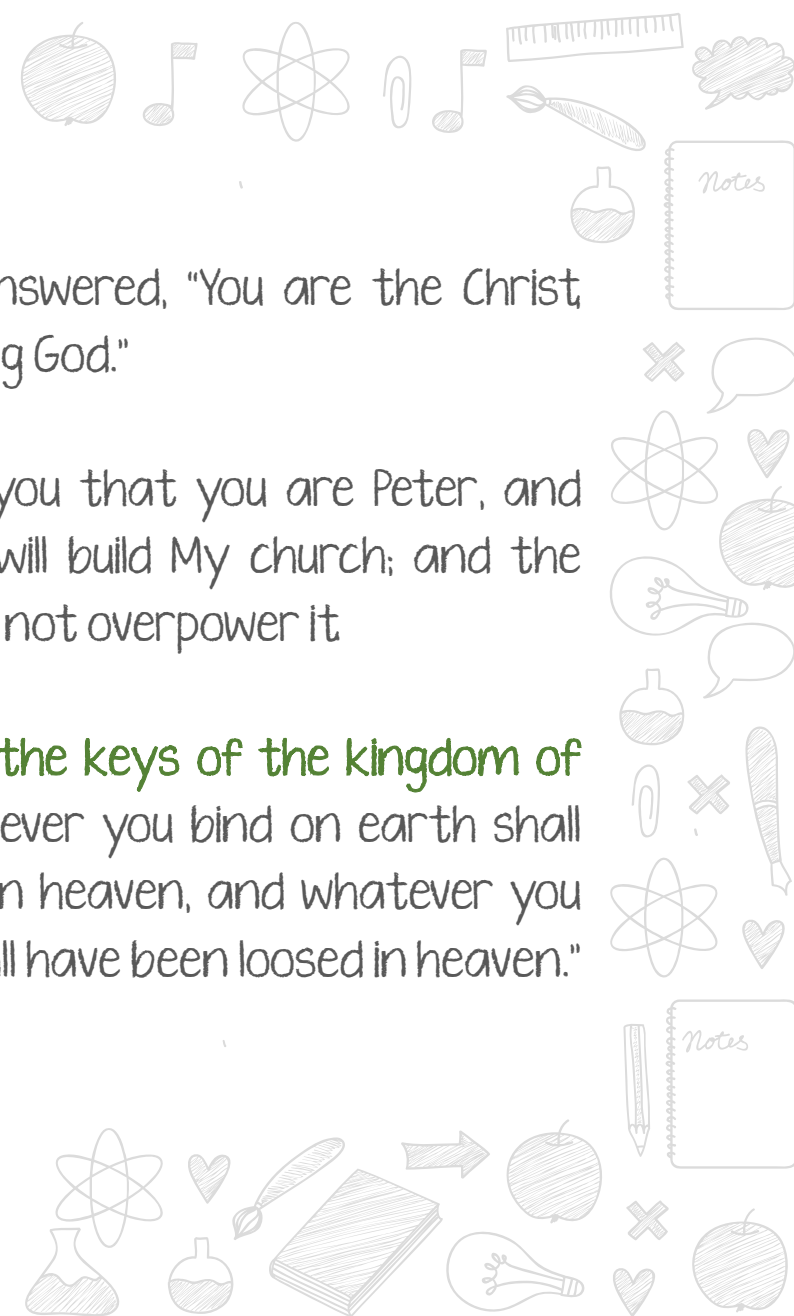


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f. It is the only institution given authority by Christ to declare God's truth to the world.

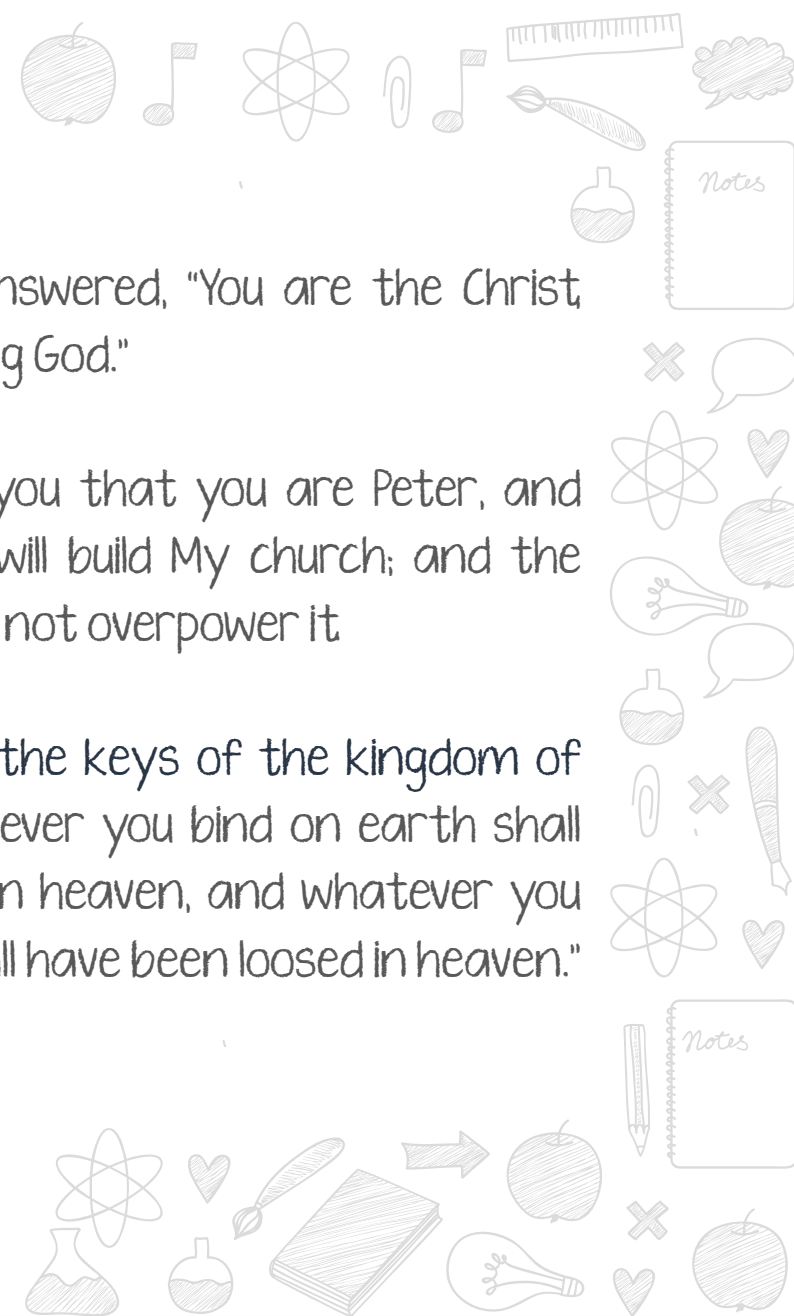


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g. Christ empowers the work of his church

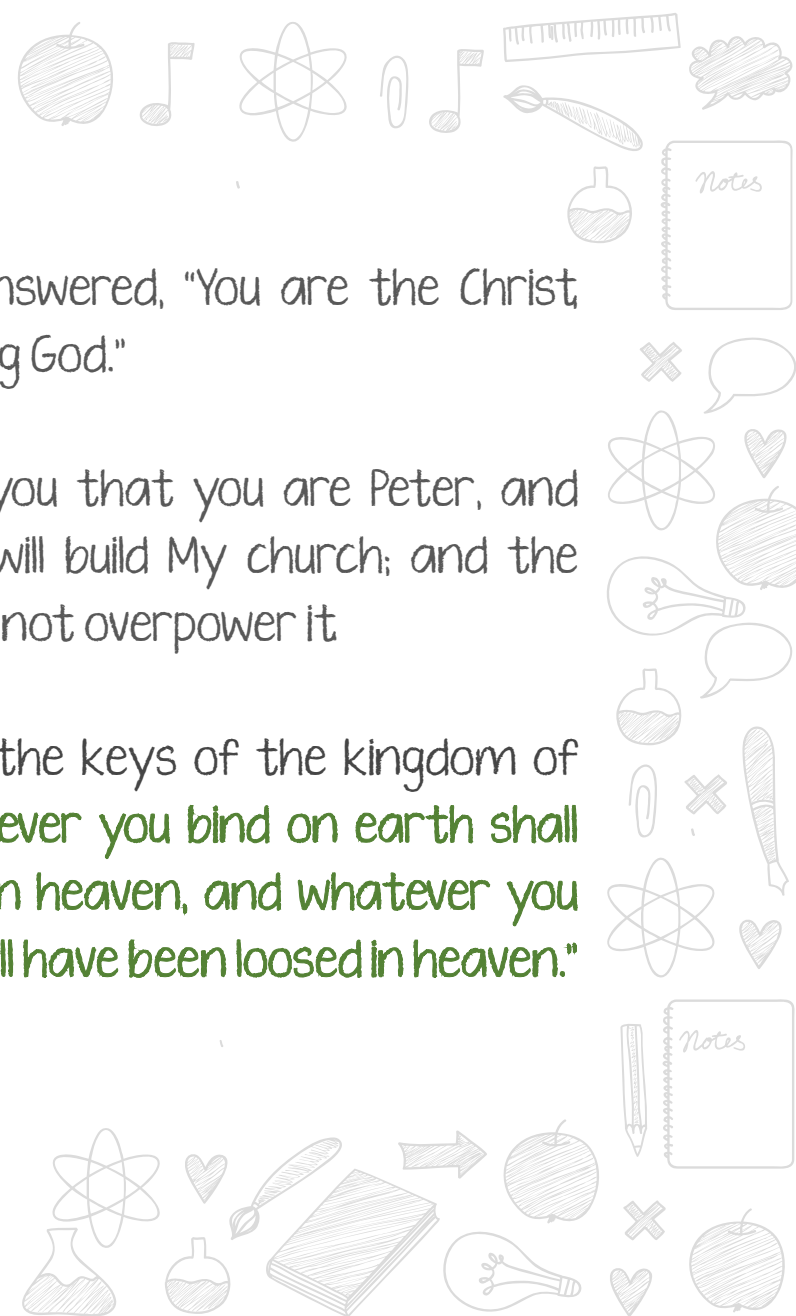


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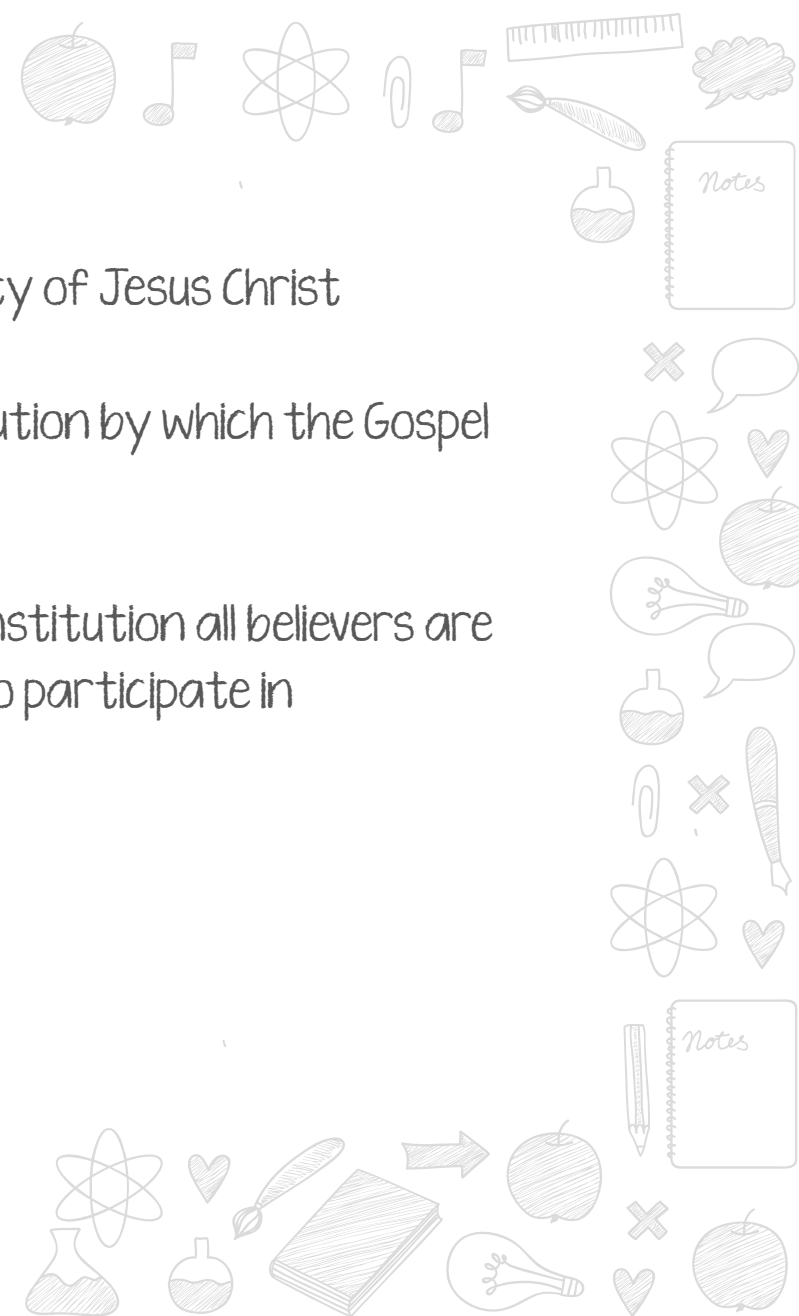
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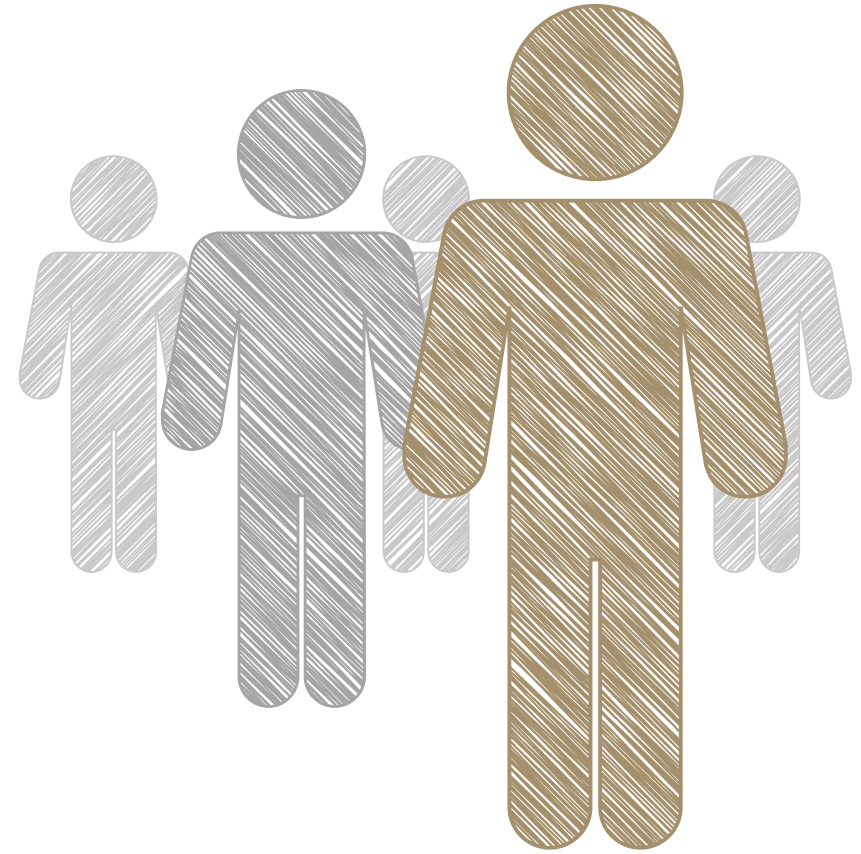
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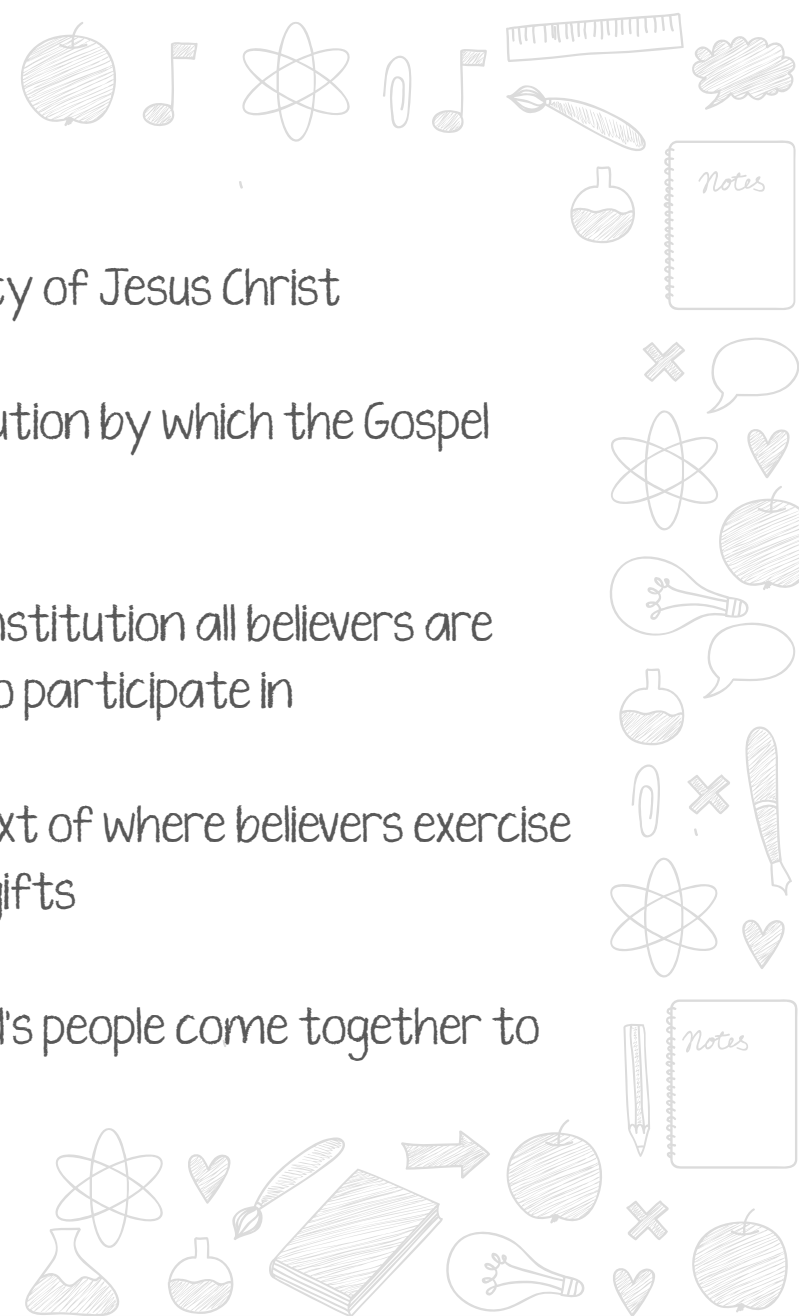
Show Tolerance Eph 4:2	Bear burdens Gal 6:2	Accept one another as Christ has accepted us Rom 15:7
Be devoted to Give preference Rom 12:5	Abound in love 1 Thes 3:12	Comfort 1 Thes 4:18
Encourage Heb 3:13	Pray James 5:16	Be hospitable 1 Peter 5:5

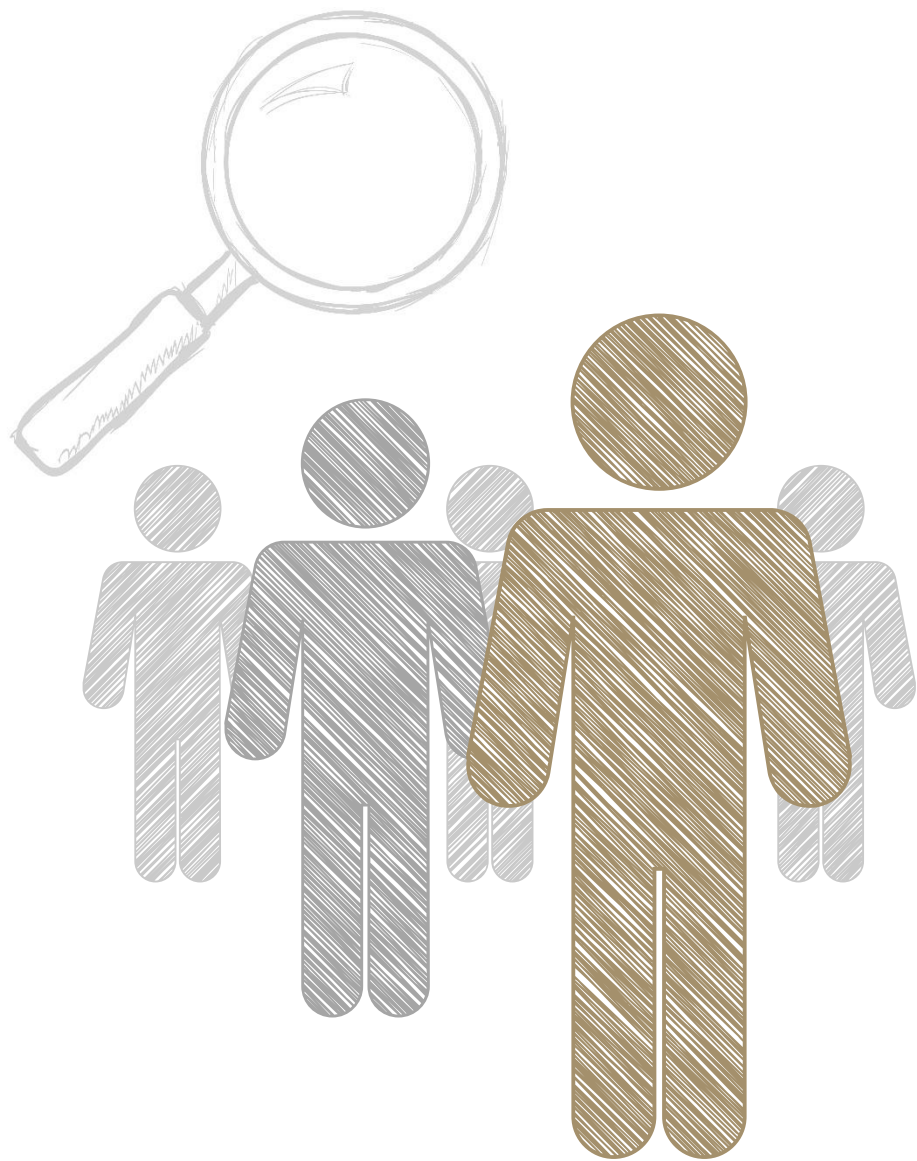


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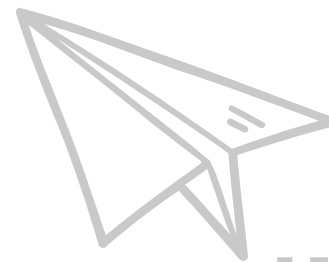


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5. It is where God's people come together to Worship him





Finding a Biblical Church



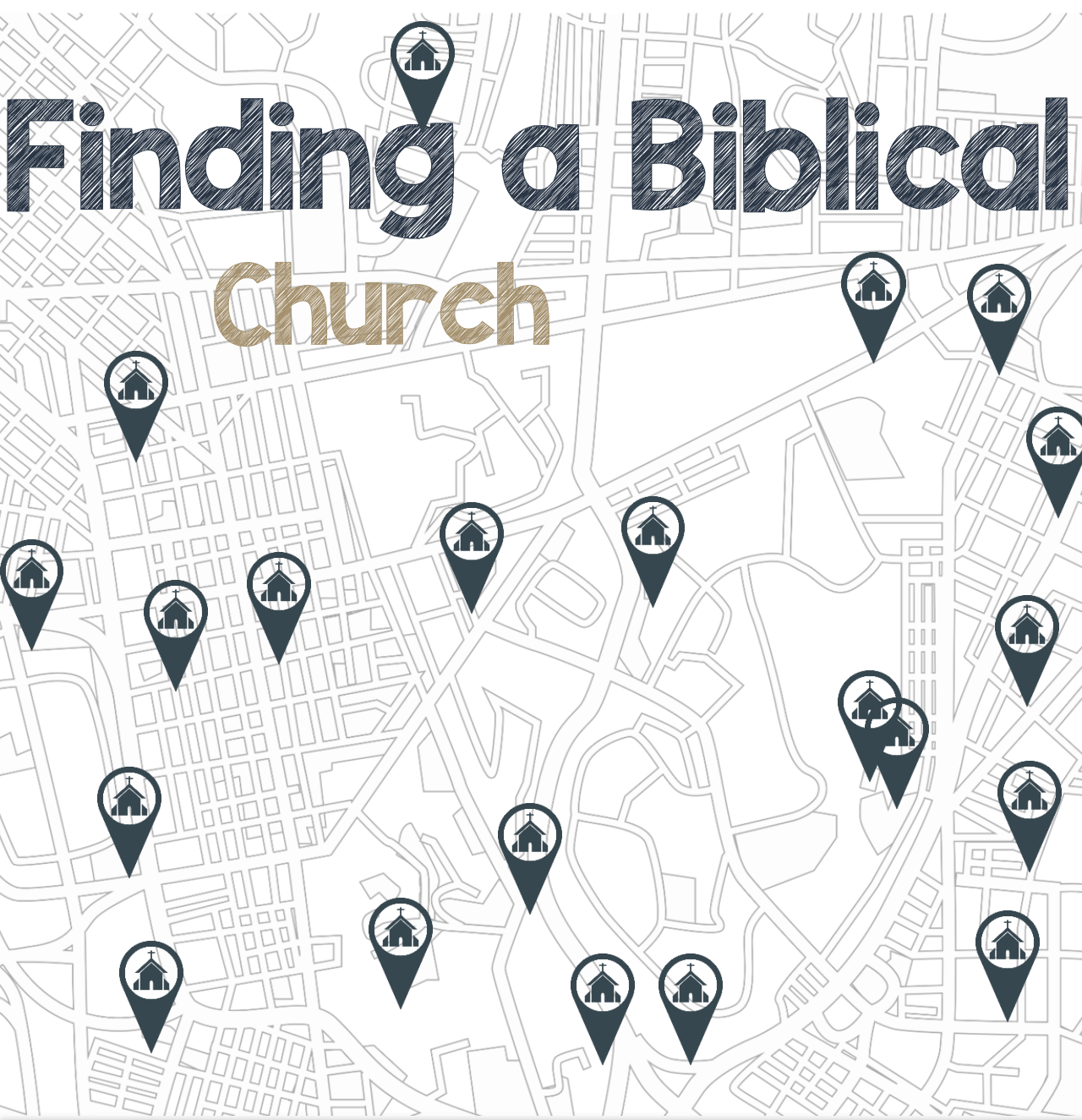
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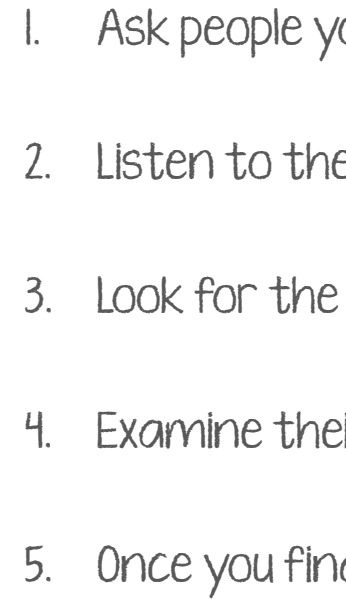
1. Ask people you trust for recommendations
2. Compare their teaching to Scripture
3. Look for the marks of a biblical church

Three helpful questions

- How do they treat the Word of God?
- What do they believe about the Gospel?
- What does their church leadership look like?

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Finding a Biblical Church

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- A dashed L-shaped bracket is positioned to the right of the list, grouping the five items.
1. Ask people you trust for recommendations
 2. Listen to the church's preaching
 3. Look for the marks of a biblical church
 4. Examine their leadership
 5. Once you find one, commit yourself.

Finding a Biblical Church

Church Search Red Flags & Pitfalls

1. Man-centered Marketing
2. 'Core Values' that have nothing to do with God
3. 'One Church, many locations'
4. Basing your decision solely on a denomination or their pastor's affiliation to another pastor
5. Making decisions based on style

Finding a Biblical Church

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DFW Church Finder - Find a Church Near You - churchescare.com

Looking for family-friendly options, marriage ministries, or kids services? Our directory connects you to the right church with the right programs in the right area.

Ad · <https://www.oasisfamilylife.com/>

Oasis Church - A Judgement Free Zone - oasisfamilylife.com

Oasis focuses on loving people through humanitarian efforts, discipleships & connections. Church is about community. We look forward to gathering together online. Free Blog. Opportunities. Events. Neighborhoods: Atlanta, Paulding, Dallas.
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4.0+ rating

Hours

Your past visits

Keystone Church

4.2 ★★★★★ (81) · Church
1711 Keller Pkwy · (817) 431-8800

Closed · Opens 9AM Mon

🗣️ "The worship leader is the best I've ever seen!!"



Website



Directions

Life.Church Keller

4.9 ★★★★★ (104) · Church
1075 Keller Pkwy · (682) 593-1140

Closed · Opens 8:30AM Sun

🗣️ "Great church and an awesome community."



Website



Directions

Venture Church

4.9 ★★★★★ (14) · Non-denominational church
801 Keller Pkwy · In keller square · (817) 482-6999

Closed · Opens 9AM Sun

🗣️ "Great church lots of good people"



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