

EPHESIANS 1:22-23; 2:20-22; 5:22-33 DISCUSSION GUIDE

Here are some questions and thoughts to help guide discussion:

1. What stood out to you from this Sunday's sermon? Was there anything that was new to you, or anything that surprised you?
2. The first image of the church that we looked at on Sunday was the church as the body of Christ. What does this mean? What does it look like for the church to submit to Christ as the head of the body? What is it that makes up the body of Christ?
3. The second image we looked at was the church as the temple of God. What does it mean for the church to be the temple of God? Compare this image with the temple and its purpose in the Old Testament. What are some similarities between the Old Testament temple and the New Testament church? What are some differences?
4. What is the foundation of this new temple? How do we each contribute to this temple? Is this temple complete?
5. The third and final image that we looked at is the church as the bride of Christ. This doesn't necessarily only speak to what we as the church do; it also speaks to what Christ has done and is doing for His church. What are the things that Jesus as the groom has done and is doing for the church today?
6. This Sunday, we learned about three of the images the Bible uses for the church. What are some others that you know of, and what are some passages of Scripture that support them?
7. The point of all of these images is that the church is supposed to be the display of God's glory here on earth. How can we as a church display God's glory when we're gathered together? How can we each individually contribute to this on a day-to-day basis?