The Disciple-Makers Series  “The Church” Pt. I  03.09.05

I. The Church.
A. Definition: ekklesia (Greek):
B. The church is invisible, yet ________________.
   1. “The invisible church is the church as ____________ __________ it.” (Cf. 2 Tim. 2:19)
      a. Why is this important to relay to the disciple?
   2. “The visible church is the church as __________________ on __________ ______ it.”
      a. Why is this important to relay to your disciple?
C. The church is local, yet _________________. Scripture references!
   1. Why is this aspect of the church important to the disciple?
D. A brief (very brief) history of the early church.
   1. Matthew 16:18, ”... I ________ build ________ church; ...” Here Jesus speaks of the
      church as something that is yet _______________ and is going to be ____________.
      1. Why is the history of the church important to the disciple?
E. To understand the heavenly perspective of the church, let's consider the nature of the
   church, by looking at the Biblical terms (or descriptive metaphors) that are used to identify
   the church.
   1. The __________ of ________________.
      a. What does this metaphor teach the disciple about the church?
   2. The __________ of the __________ ____________.
      a. What does this metaphor teach the disciple about the church?
   3. The ________________ of God (a ____________).
      a. What does this metaphor teach the disciple about the church?
   4. The __________ of ________________.
      a. What does this metaphor teach the disciple about the church?
   5. The ________________ and ________________ of the ________________.
      a. What does this metaphor teach the disciple about the church?
6. Other metaphors.
   a. 
   b. 
   c. 
   d. 
   e. 
   f. 
   g. 
   h. 

F. To help us understand the heavenly perspective of the church, let's consider the distinguishing characteristics (or ____________) of the church.
   1. ____________.
      a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?
   2. ____________ / ____________.
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   5. ____________.
      a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?
   6. ____________ ____________.
      a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?

5. ____________ to the ministry of the ____________.
      a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?

“Wherever we see the Word of God purely ____________ and heard, and the sacraments administered according to Christ’s institution, there, it is not to be doubted, a ____________ of God ____________.”