

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.

a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?

3. \_\_\_\_\_.

a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?

4. \_\_\_\_\_.

a. What will this characteristic teach the disciple?

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 \_\_\_\_\_.”