

Part 5: One Church

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Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:10–20; Matthew 16:15–18

Key Idea

There is only _____ Church!

Bottom Line

The local church is the _____ of the world, because we have been entrusted with the life-saving message of _____.

Talk It Over

1. What's one idea from the message that really stood out to you? Why did this idea grab your attention?
2. What was your impression of 'the church' when you were a child? Did you grow up in a church? If so, how would you describe it? If not, what were your thoughts about what the church was? Have your ideas about the church changed over the years? In what ways?
3. In your own words, what is the purpose of 'the Church'?
4. Read 2 Corinthians 5:10–11. What does Paul give as one motivation for us to tell others about Jesus? Why should that motivate us?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 5:14–17. What does Paul mean when he says that we don't look at people from a worldly point of view? What reason does he give for this new perspective?
6. What is reconciliation? According to 2 Corinthians 5:18–20, who reconciled who to who? How did it happen? What does it mean that we have the 'ministry of reconciliation'?
7. What is an 'ambassador'? What does it mean that we are "Christ's ambassadors"?
8. Bill Hybels said, "The local church is the hope of the world." In your own words, what does that mean? Do you agree? Why or why not? What are some of the implications if it's true?