

# "Can I Go to Church on TV?"

or

## *Study 2: What Is a Local Church?*

- A. No Formal Definition:** The New Testament gives no real definition, but we can describe what a church ought to be like from the examples there.
- B. Working Definition:** "A local church is an assembly of professing believers in Christ who have been baptized and who are organized to do God's will." (Charles C. Ryrie, *A Survey of Bible Doctrine*, p. 141.)
1. an assembly of **professing believers** in Christ:
    - a. 2 Cor. 1:1
    - b. Matt. 13:24-30; 36-43
  
  2. who have been **baptized**:
    - a. Matt. 28:18-20
    - b. Acts 10:38-48
  
  3. who are **organized**:
    - a. Acts 14:21-23
    - b. Titus 1:5
  
  4. **to do God's will:** This would include
    - a. Observance of the ordinances (communion, baptism)
    - b. Fulfilling the Great Commission in all parts of the world (Matt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8).

c. Acts 2:40-47. The early church provides us a good role model in this passage.

- 1) E\_\_\_\_\_ (38-41, 47)
- 2) B\_\_\_\_\_ (41)
- 3) A\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ (42)
- 4) F\_\_\_\_\_
  - a) C\_\_\_\_\_
  - b) P\_\_\_\_\_
- 5) E\_\_\_\_\_ (43)
- 6) S\_\_\_\_\_ / G\_\_\_\_\_ (44,45)
- 7) U\_\_\_\_\_ (46)
- 8) A\_\_\_\_\_ t\_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_)
- 9) E\_\_\_\_\_
- 10) J\_\_\_\_\_
- 11) P\_\_\_\_\_ (47)

**C. What is a church not, according to this definition?**

1. T\_\_\_\_ or th\_\_\_\_\_ gathered together (Matt. 18:19-20)
2. A b\_\_\_\_\_
3. Para - \_\_\_\_\_ groups

**D. What is unspecified according to this definition?**

1. What kind of building if any
  - a. Acts 2:46
  - b. Acts 2:46
  - c. Acts 20:8-9

- d. Romans 16:5; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philemon 1:2
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- 2. How many meetings
    - a. Acts 2:46
    - b. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2

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