

# "Can I Go to Church on TV?"

## *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. Being open to ministry to all age groups in all parts of the world
  
  - c. Acts 2:40-47
    - 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; Phm 1:2

2. How many meetings
  - a. Acts 2:46
  - b. Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:2

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