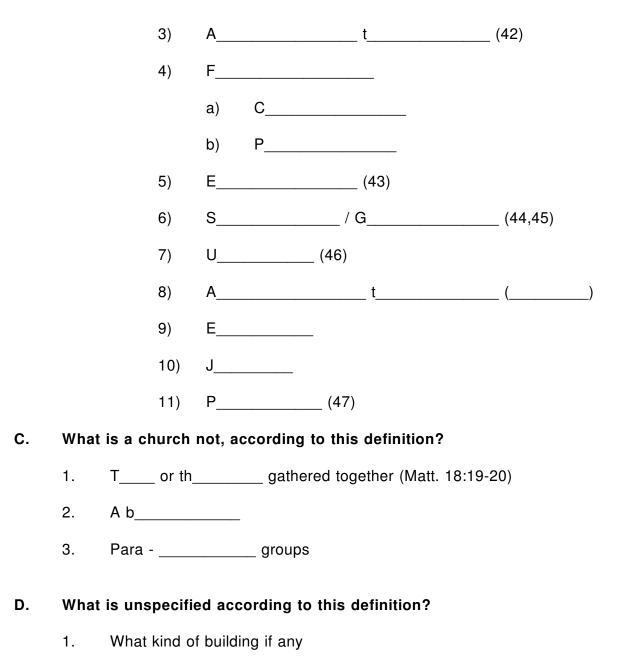
"Can I Go to Church on TV?"

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)



- 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

Can I Go to Church on TV? Yes / No

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