

18 And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.
Colossians 1:18

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Ecclesiology - The Study of The Church

- **The Church Is the Body of Christ.**
  - **Jesus Is the Head of the Church.**
  - **Every Believer Is Part of the Body.**
  - **The Body Must Work Together.**
- **The Church Exists To Grow Disciples.**
  - **The Church Teaches God's Word.**
  - **The Church Builds Spiritual Maturity.**
  - **The Church Encourages Community.**
- **The Church Is Sent On a Mission.**
  - **The Church Proclaims The Gospel.**
  - **The Church Serves Others.**
  - **The Church Represents Christ to the World.**

Church Priority Challenge. Make it a priority to be present and engaged in church every week. This means choosing church over other things that might want to take our attention away from the holy gathering of God's people. Engage by taking notes, doing devotionals about the topic we discussed, and sharing what you've learned with someone in your life this week.

Daily Service Challenge. This week, make it a priority to serve at least one person everyday. Whether it be helping a classmate with their homework, encouraging a friend, volunteering at an Impact Partner or Good News Club, or helping out at home, make a plan to serve someone new everyday as a way to demonstrate the love and care of Jesus to them.

Faith Sharing Challenge. Part of the mission of the church is to share Jesus with the world. Write down the name of the person that you are going to share Jesus with this week. Make a plan to actually share Jesus and then act on that plan. Invite them to church and help them to understand what it means to know Jesus.



Ice Breaker Question: Would you rather be transformed into a hamster or a rhino?

Discussion Questions

1. **Explain how Jesus' role as head of the Church unites us in His spiritual body.**
2. **Explain why the Church makes disciples and some examples of how you have seen that happen in the Church.**
3. **Explain the mission of the Church and how you can help work towards that mission in your life.**

Be the Church, not just an attender.

Grow in your faith through community and serving.

Live on mission by sharing Jesus with others. Remember, all of Jesus for all the world starts with all of Jesus for all of YOUR world!