

How does that challenge your view of and practice of church?

What ought that to look like lived out for us as a church?

Thinking about the truths we have seen tonight and the lessons from 2 Timothy we are part of something bigger than just our church. So

a. What will characterise churches we might partner with?

b. What might such partnership look like?

Sound Doctrine

Paul encourages Timothy to teach sound doctrine because that leads the church to be healthy as that doctrine is applied to their life together and they grow in the love and holiness of God. But what is sound doctrine? That's what we'll look at over this series.

Week 7: The Church

What is 'church' and how can we use the term wrongly?

Who and what is the church for?

Here is what our statement of faith says:

"The universal Church is the body of which Christ is the head and to which all who are saved belong. It is made visible in local churches, which are congregations of believers who are committed to each other for the worship of God, the preaching of the Word, the administering of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; for pastoral care and discipline, and for evangelism. The unity of the body of Christ is expressed within and between churches by mutual love, care and encouragement. True fellowship between churches exists only where they are faithful to the gospel."

What stands out to you? What questions do you have?

What do we learn about the church in Ephesians 2v11-22?

What about in Ephesians 4v1-16?

What about in Acts 2v38-47?

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What do we learn about the Church in Colossians 3v12-17?

What do we learn in 1 Peter 2v4-10?