

Sermon Series: Blueprint: God's Design for the Church

Sermon Passage: Ephesians 1

Getting Started: What is the church? Is it a building? How does a church become a church? What is the church supposed to do? We will be exploring those questions and more as we journey through Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

Discussion Questions:

1. Read Ephesians 1:1, Act 9:1-9, and Philippians 3:7-11. Who was Paul? When Paul met Jesus, how did his life change?
2. Read Acts 19:8-10. What did Paul do to begin the church in Ephesus? How did "all of the residents of Asia" hear the gospel?
3. As a follower of Jesus, how can you help spread the message of the gospel? What challenges do you face?
4. Read Acts 19:11-17; 18-20; 23-29. How did the church disrupt the culture in Ephesus? Should the church disrupt culture? How?
5. Imagine a friend asks you, "Why do you go to church?" Discuss your answer to this question.

This week:

Pray Acts 19:20 for the church. Pray for churches you pass on your way to work each day and churches in your neighborhood. Pray for churches your friends attend, and pray for churches around the globe.