

Getting Started

1. Who would you thank for helping with your ministry?
2. Why are names listed in scripture so frequently?
3. When was the last time you hand wrote a note to someone?
4. What insight, principle, or observation from this weekend's sermon did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening, or troubling? Explain.

Digging Deeper

5. Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 54:

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Q. What do you believe concerning "the holy catholic church"?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word,¹ out of the entire human race,² from the beginning of the world to its end,³ gathers, protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life⁴ and united in true faith.⁵ And of this community I am⁶ and always will be⁷ a living member.

¹ John 10:14-16; Acts 20:28; Rom. 10:14-17; Col. 1:18 ² Gen. 26:3b-4; Rev. 5:9 ³ Isa. 59:21; 1 Cor. 11:26 ⁴ Matt. 16:18; John 10:28-30; Rom. 8:28-30; Eph. 1:3-14 ⁵ Acts 2:42-47; Eph. 4:1-6 ⁶ 1 John 3:14, 19-21 ⁷ John 10:27-28; 1 Cor. 1:4-9; 1 Pet. 1:3-5

What does it mean to you to be a part of God's church?

6. Read Acts 18. What is Paul's relationship with Priscilla and Aquila? How did they help his ministry?
7. Paul encourages the believers to greet one another with a holy kiss. We see this also in 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Thess. 5:26 and 1 Pet. 5:14. What is this practice and do we do anything like it today?
8. Read Romans 16:17-20. These are important words for the Church to hear. Why are they important?

Application

9. Paul was an amazing missionary sent by God to reach the Gentile world. It would be easy to believe that Paul did this all on his own. The truth is that he had God's direction, but he also had a lot of help along the way. As Christians, we are to work together to grow the kingdom of God and reach the lost. Who can you partner with to help reach the lost?

Praying Scripture

Psalm 9

- 1 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;
I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.
- 2 I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.
- 3 When my enemies turn back,
they stumble and perish before your presence.
- 4 For you have maintained my just cause;
you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment.
- 5 You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked
perish;
you have blotted out their name forever and ever.
- 6 The enemy came to an end in everlasting ruins;
their cities you rooted out;
the very memory of them has perished.
- 7 But the Lord sits enthroned forever;
he has established his throne for justice,
- 8 and he judges the world with righteousness;
he judges the peoples with uprightness.
- 9 The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed,
a stronghold in times of trouble.
- 10 And those who know your name put their trust in you,
for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.
- 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who sits enthroned in Zion!
Tell among the peoples his deeds!

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The Gospel: Class is in Session

“Team Work”

Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.

Romans 16:3, 4

- **There were many who _____ Paul in his _____.**

- **Many of Paul’s helpers were _____.**

- **We are to _____ for the _____ of God.**

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