

What is the Church

The Order

Big Idea:

It is imperative to differentiate between what we want and what God commands.

Thought Exercise:

- What does God seek from his people?
- Luke 12 and Matthew 25 can serve as background.

Items for discussion:

Mark 7:1-13

- What causes Jesus to be upset with the Pharisees? What was the focus of his rebuke?
- What are some areas where our wants have a tendency to take priority over the command?

1 Corinthians 1:13-17; 2:1-5

- There is a great desire to reach people in our community. The temptation is to allow that to permeate our worship services. How do we prevent our worship services from becoming outreach events?
- What does our motivation for going to church say about us as a people?

Acts 2:42-47

- What does it mean to be devoted?
- What should we be devoted to and faithful to?

Live in the light of eternity that is coming very soon. We live with a hope and a vision for what the church on earth can be, but we also live with a very real sense of urgency.

