

What is the Church

Servants

Big Idea:

Only when we become servants will we experience the Holy Spirit as Jesus intended. Only then will the church resemble the Christ they worship.

Thought Exercise:

- How do people typically tend to choose a church home?
- Compare and contrast the nature of consumer driven versus service driven organizations.

Items for discussion:

Giftedness in the Body

- 1 Corinthians 12
- How are you using your gifts in the context of the church?

- Philippians 2:1-9
- What kinds of things do we recognize when we are “of one mind”?

Self-serving or Servant-hearted

- How is Christian service different than humanitarian service?
- How would the attitude mentioned above affect people experiencing the church for the first time?
- How has our treatment of selfishness (or lack thereof) affected the body?

The Holy Spirit's Presence

- Recognizing gifts of the Spirit can be difficult. How do we distinguish between giftedness and things we simply want to or enjoy doing?
- How can we better train younger or less experienced Christians to use their gifts?
- How can we balance the humility we are commanded to live with and the confidence necessary to perform many of the tasks we are called to perform?

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.

