

What is the Church

A Consuming Church

Big Idea:

May your bride be attractive, devoted, and powerful beyond earthly explanation. May we be consumed with her, all for Your glory.

Thought Exercise:

- How is the church the means through which the “manifold wisdom of God” is displayed? (Ephesians 3:10)
- When we talk about being committed to a church body, what kinds of habits and practices come to mind?

Items for discussion:

Looking Inward

- What is God asking you to do?
- What is God asking us to do?
- Mark 9:50
- John 13:14
- Romans 15:4

Intimate Gatherings

- What is gained by being in smaller groups?
- What is gained by being in larger groups?
- 1 Corinthians 16:20
- Romans 14:13
- 1 Corinthians 11:33

Success

- What makes a church “successful”?
- What are some practical ways we can grow the church here in our city?
- Romans 12:10, 16
- Ephesians 4:2, 32



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.