

“Does the Church Still Matter?”

1 Timothy 3:14-16

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

14 I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that 15 if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth 16 Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

2. Because God dwells among the church.

3. Because the church preserves and proclaims the truth.

The Confession of the Local Church

The Conduct of the Local Church

Why Does the Local Church Matter Today?

1. Because the church is God’s family.

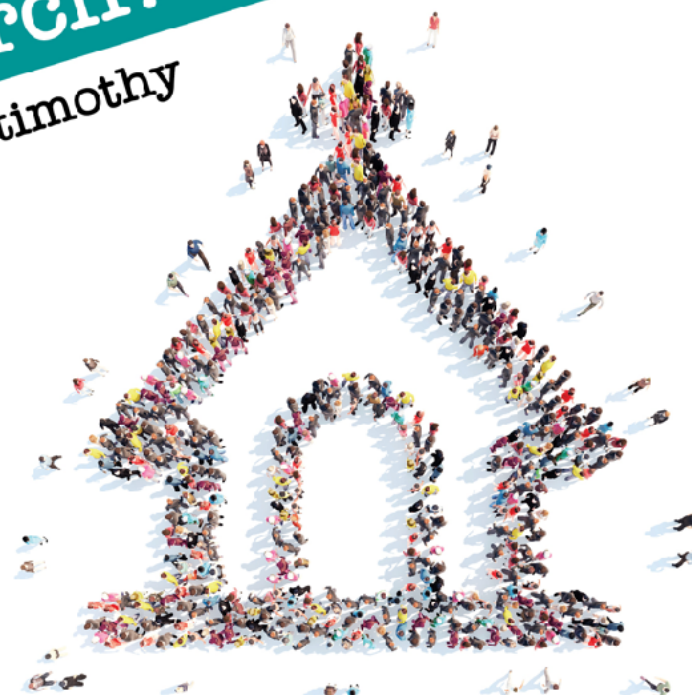
Life Group or Family Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think being a part of a local church is important? Why or why not? Do you know of some Christians who are not a part of a local church? What are there reasons?
2. **Read 1 Tim. 3:14-16.** What does it mean that the church is "God's family"? How does that change our interaction with other Christians?
3. This week we saw the church's double commitment to preserve and proclaim the truth. What does it mean to preserve the truth? What does it mean to proclaim the truth? How can you be a part of preserving the church? How can you be a part of proclaiming the truth?
4. What is the danger of trying to preserve the truth without proclaiming it? What is the danger of trying to proclaim the truth without preserving it?
5. Why does your confession—what you believe—matter? How would you explain the gospel?
6. Paul emphasizes the historicity of the gospel. Why is it important that the gospel is rooted in history? How would you respond to someone who rejects the incarnation or resurrection?
7. How does your confession influence your conduct? Why is conduct important for Christians?

The local church matters because the local church is the hope of the world.

Mar 26 - Facilities Conversation • Apr 5 - 1 Timothy 4:1-5

What
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1 timothy



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March 19th, 2017

Sundays

9:30 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

CW Classes Hour
Worship Service

