

REACH

WHY THE CHURCH?

1. There are many metaphors to describe the Church in scripture (e.g., Body, Family, Bride) and in modern language (e.g., Field Hospital, Aircraft Carrier). Is there a metaphor or picture that has helped you understand or explain the Church to others?
2. Read the passages below about the Church. What does each teach about why the Church exists? What is the Church (and her members) meant to do and be?
 - a. Acts 2:42-47
 - b. Ephesians 5:25-57
 - c. Romans 12:1-8
 - d. Matthew 28:18-20
3. Christ Church's vision is to "fuel a movement to reach people and renew communities." Our vision includes a call to both evangelism and social action.
 - a. Why are both necessary for fulfilling God's vision for His Church?
 - b. How committed are you to both evangelism (reaching people with the Gospel) and social action (renewing communities)?
4. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."
 - a. Is it possible for someone to follow Christ without being connected to His Church?
 - b. How has "assembling together" with other believers affected your spiritual journey?
5. How do you feel about Pastor Mike's argument that the Church is *us*, and our involvement is required? How will what you've learned about the Church affect how you live this week?