

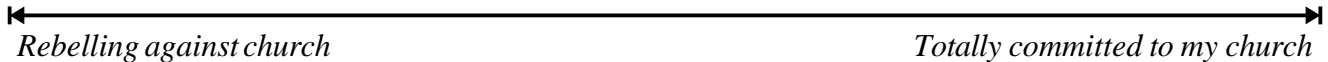
What's the Big Deal?

What do you think? SA=Strongly Agree A=Agree D=Disagree SD=Strongly Disagree

- A. ___ A Christian should go to church every week.
- B. ___ You can be a Christian without attending church.
- C. ___ Attending church most of your childhood makes living the Christian life easier.
- D. ___ The church is having little or no impact on today's society.
- E. ___ Going to Student Venture is just as good as going to church.
- F. ___ Small churches are better than big ones.
- G. ___ A teenager should be allowed to attend a different church than that of his or her parents.
- H. ___ If a church is boring or not challenging you, then you should change churches.

How have your parents affected your involvement in church?

Place an X on the scale below, indicating where you presently see yourself.

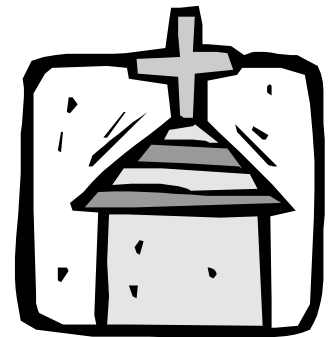


What is the Church?

Biblically, it is the collection of all the people who have truly professed faith in Christ.

The New Testament gives four word pictures for the church:

- 1. A Building - Ephesians 2:21-22
- 2. A Family - Romans 8:17
- 3. A Bride - 2 Cor. 11:2-3
- 4. A Body - Romans 12:4-5



Why is it important to be involved in a local church?

- 1. For encouragement - see Hebrews 10:24-25
- 2. To share in the Lord's ordinances - communion (Matthew 26:26-29), baptism (Matthew 28:19)
- 3. To exercise your spiritual gifts - I Corinthians 12:7,12
- 4. To share fellowship, worship, and goods with each other - Acts 2:42-47

What's the difference between Student Venture and a youth group?

Name some things that being in a church can do for you that Student Venture cannot?

Does being a member in a church really make a difference?