

A HERITAGE OF TRUTH

“Your testimonies are my heritage forever;
for they are the joy of my heart.”

Psalm 119:111

THEME ELEVEN: God’s Plans Past and Present

Truth #8

QUESTION

What is a church?

ANSWER

- 4 years-1st grade: A church is a group of believers who meet to worship the Lord.
- 2nd-5th grades: A church is a group of baptized believers who commit together to worship the Lord, love one another, and reach the unsaved.
- 6th grade and up: The local church is an expression of the universal church, consisting of a group of baptized believers who commit together to worship the Lord, love one another, and reach the unsaved.

MEMORY VERSE

Ephesians 5:25-26

Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word. ESV

SUGGESTED HYMN

“The Church’s One Foundation”

FURTHER STUDY

Acts 2:40-47

Reach the Unsaved (vv. 40-41)

Love One Another (vv. 42-45)

Worship the Lord (vv. 46-47)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- The history of the early church records for us in broad terms a pattern for other local churches to follow. In Acts 2 we read the story of the first day of church history. In it we find three main purposes for the church. Take time to think through Acts 2:40-47 and see how God accomplished these purposes for those first believers. Ask God to be at work here at Heritage, that He would give us grace so that those very purposes might be fulfilled here through us.
- Heritage's mission statement reads: *For the glory of God Heritage Bible Church is committed to equipping the saints and gathering disciples from all peoples to the end that they might grow up into Christ, worship God, and enjoy Him forever.* As a family think through each phrase of this statement and ask yourselves what Scriptures teach that truth.
- Our church has committed itself to seven priorities of ministry: worship, prayer, discipleship, evangelism, mercy, fellowship, and stewardship. As a family think through each of these priorities and ask yourselves what Scriptures teach that truth.

A Heritage of Truth is a set of 120 studies designed to assist our entire congregation—and our families in particular—to explore the ways and works of God so that they grow up into Christ, worship God and enjoy Him forever. Questions and answers are provided by Kids4Truth (www.kids4truth.org).