



Southridge Community Church

Membership Video Series

Worksheet #1: Biblical Reasons for Membership



What is the Church?

There are various answers to the question, “What is the Church?”

- It is more than a _____; not just the bricks and mortar.
- The word “Church” comes from the Greek Word, *Ecclesia*, or the _____ of a specific group of people.
- In history, cathedrals and buildings like St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome; were built to reflect the grandeur and _____ of God.
- For some, “church” is the small country church, where an intimate group of people gathered to express their faith.
- A modern picture of the church is a large _____ gathering or concerts, with thousands of people present.
- The different viewpoint all stem from the word *Ecclesia*, or “the gathering.”

The Church is a community of believers in _____, created by God for a _____. (Acts 2:42-47)

The first group of believers in Acts chapter two met for specific reasons:

Why does the Church exist? What is the mission of the Church?

The Church exists to do the _____ of God on earth. (Ephesians 3:14-20).

Paul prayed for the Church in Ephesus, that they would:

The Church is a place to experience the _____ of God and His powerful presence.

The Church is a place to experience the purposes of God, as represented in the last words of Jesus to His disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20). This is also known as the Great _____.

“As you are going, _____ disciples, teaching them to do all that I have commanded you.”

Acts 1:8 instructs us to be Christ’s witnesses in:

- our Jerusalem = Lloydminster, or our immediate neighborhood
- our Judea and Samaria = _____
- to the “ends of the earth = Missionary vision and participation

The Church is a place to live out the Great _____. (Matthew 22:37-40)

- Acts that show the love of Christ in practical ways.
- Acts of kindness that reveal the character of God in and through His people.
- Acts of justice and mercy in a world full of injustice and need.

What do we believe at Southridge Community Church?

- God: All-powerful, all-knowing, always present, completely holy and always loving.
- Jesus: He is 100% God and 100% human, taking our penalty of sin and dying on the cross to bring us forgiveness and restored relationship with God.
- Holy Spirit: The promised “Comforter” who lives in us and through us.
- The Bible: God’s inspired revelation of Himself and of His purposes.
- Sin: All humankind has been affected by sin and separates us from God. (Rom. 3:23)
- Salvation: Forgiveness and a new life comes to us through Jesus only (John 14:7)
- Sanctification: The process by which we are made holy and whole.
- Healing: Jesus’ death on the cross was for our spiritual and physical healing.
- The Church: The gathered people of God are His method for reaching the world.
- The Resurrection from the Dead: Jesus is the example of our hope of life after death.
- The Return of Jesus: Jesus promised to return, bringing God’s Kingdom to fulness.
- Human Sexuality and Marriage: We are created by God, both male and female, and placed in family units that reflect God’s purposes in creation.

As Southridge Community Church, we are a part of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA in Canada), and appreciate the Christ-centered emphasis as a part of our focus:

- Christ as _____: The death of Jesus gives us the gift of salvation and forgiveness.
- Christ as _____: We are made more like Jesus by the presence of the Holy Spirit.
- Christ as _____: Jesus brings us physical, emotional, and spiritual healing.
- Christ as _____: Jesus promised to return and bring about the Kingdom of God.