

20 August 2023 – Questions to Discuss and Consider at Home or in Small Group
“The Theology of Ephesians: The Church Is the Body of Christ”– Ephesians 1:15-23

1. What does the term “Ecclesiology” mean?
2. What is the Church (see *WCF* 25.1, 2)?
3. How can the Church occupy an exalted position in the world when she seems to be so scattered, divided, and weak (see Eph. 1:15-23)?
4. Does the Church become divine because of her union with Christ? Why or why not?
5. Where is the Church on earth located? Who may belong to the Church?
6. What is the basic meaning of the word “catholic”?
7. What is a common metaphor (analogy) that Paul uses to describe the Church (2:19-22)?
8. What was the most important part of buildings that were constructed in the ancient world?
9. What does the existence of the Church show to the world of mankind and to the unseen world that exists in the heavenly places (Eph. 3:8-11)?
10. How long will the Church last (see Eph. 3:21)?
11. What institution established by God pictures the Church and her relationship to Christ (see Eph. 5:22-33)?
12. What is a common view that people today have about the Church?
13. How is the Church a model for true reconciliation and restoration among the divided peoples and groups of mankind?
14. What does it mean to pursue the purity and peace of the Church?
15. How does the Church grow? What is the Biblical means and method for growth? What other methods have some substituted for the Biblical means of church growth?
16. Was there ever a time when the Church was perfectly, or almost perfectly, pure and free of problems? What letters to churches in the New Testament depict congregations that experienced troubles?
17. How should you view the faults and the problems that arise in the Church? How should you deal with problems in the Church?
18. If the Church will never perish, why have some churches in certain places disappeared (e.g., the churches in the Lycus Valley, now modern Turkey)?
19. Is there any group or institution that you can think of that is greater and more important than the Church?
20. If indeed the Church is the greatest group or institution that exists, how do you demonstrate this in your life?