

How Church Works

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I. Taking Things Apart

II. The Church

Blueprint

Ephesians 2:19-22

Parts List

1st Corinthians 12:12

III. Some Assembly Required

IV. Putting It All Together

Personal Reflection

Take time this week to pray & reflect on the following:

Countless metaphors and illustrations have been posited through history to describe the local church—a family, a faith-community, a fellowship, etc. No single term fully captures the mystery, beauty and priceless value of the local church. Much more than a building or an organization that bears a name and a logo, the local church is one part of a vast, history-spanning force for the furtherance of God’s will in the world.

When the local church is strong, working together in unity and willed with the Holy Spirit’s power, it is unstoppable. A strong local church is active, alive and invigorated by the urgency of the Gospel. Weak and dysfunctional churches exist because their members either don’t know or don’t love Jesus. This lack of love is evidenced by an absence of vision, ambivalence toward the work of the church and an absent concern for reaching the lost.

The church works best when the whole church works. When every member is walking with the Lord and is serving in unity, the local church fulfills its function and is pleasing to the Lord. What is your role in the work of the church? What sacrifice are you making to contribute to its strength? You are a recipient of the blessings God is bestowing upon His church, but are you also contributing so that the whole community can share in the blessing?

Prayerfully express your thanksgiving to God for commissioning and leading His Church. Ask Him to give you a clear sense of your unique abilities and gifts and of your role in the work of this local church. Lastly, praise God for the wonderful diversity and beauty of His church which exists to draw all people into a personal and eternal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.