

**Christian Beliefs Week 17: Questions**  
**Ch 17: What is the Church?**

**Intro:** Any steps of faith to share?

Today, we are going to answer these questions: What is the invisible vs. visible church? What makes a church a church? What is the church supposed to do? What is church discipline? What are the roles of elders and deacons? What about church government? What about women's roles in the church?

Pray.

What is the invisible vs visible church?

What are other descriptions of the church in the NT?

What makes a church a church?

What is the church supposed to do?

What is the purpose of church discipline?

What about church government?

What is an elder?

What is a deacon?

How are church offices chosen?

What should women's roles look like in the church?

What are spiritual gifts?

Discussion:

- How is the church different from Bible Study or a Christian retreat?
- Why should Christians be members of a church?
- When you think of the church as the invisible fellowship of all true believers throughout time, how does it affect the way you think of yourself as an individual Christian?
- Is there anything you can do to work toward greater purity in your church?
- What are your thoughts on women's roles in the church after hearing what Grudem understands Scripture to indicate?