



Define church!

How do we give the world an
accurate picture?

questions

- How do non-believers see the church?
 - More and more it is irrelevant
 - A type of building
 - A set of political or doctrinal positions
- Do we have a real understanding?
 - Is it Biblical?

definition

Church: (dictionary.com)

“A building for public Christian worship, or a religious service in such a building. To attend church regularly.”

Ekklesia: (Greek)

“a called out assembly or congregation”

verses

- Acts 8:1 – 3
 - Saul began to destroy the church
- Acts 14:27
 - They gathered the church together
- Acts 16:5
 - So the churches were strengthened in the faith

a harder concept

- Acts 2:29 - 36
 - What was Jesus raised up to become?
- Ephesians 1:19 – 23
 - Is this the same thing as Acts 2?
- If so, what does that make the church?

practical

- This is all about perspective:
 - What do your friends and family truly see?
- What comes first:
 - Jesus, or
 - Church?