

Making Disciples

Part 4

Living As the Church

1. Why do you think the New Testament places such a priority on Christians being committed members (or parts) of local churches? How can this priority best be reflected in your life?

2. Read Ephesians 4: 1-16. How should this passage affect the way you view your responsibility to other Christians in the church?"

3. Think about your unique setting and identify a few opportunities that God has given you to minister to the people around you. Have you taken advantage of these opportunities?

4. Take a few minutes to meditate on Galatians 6: 1-2. What would it look like to help bear someone else's burden? Is there anyone in your life right now whom you should be helping in this way?

5. Why do you think we tend to focus on the external circumstances and behavior when we try to help people change?

6. Using your own words, try to explain why it essential to get to the heart of the problem rather than merely addressing the circumstances and behavior.

8. Would you say that your church body is characterized more by defeat and isolation or the power and transformation of the Holy Spirit? Why do you say that?

9. What steps can you take right away to help your church function more like God intended?

10. Would you say that you have been playing your part in the body of Christ? If so, how might you still need to grow in this? If not, are you ready to get involved? What steps might you need to take?