

What is the Purpose of the Church?

Focusing specifically on the purposes that are for the group, not for individuals.

Sometimes the distinction between group and individual is not clear.

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John 17:20 – 21

The unity of Christians would be an evidence for Jesus.

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Ephesians 3:10

Paul specifically names the church rather than individuals. What could the group teach about the wisdom of God that would be more effective than if by separate individuals?

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1 Corinthians 14:26

The primary theme of church meetings is edification.

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Hebrews 10:23 – 25

Church meetings should stimulate love and good works.

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Ephesians 4:15 – 16

Every part works together for growth.

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1 Peter 2:5

We are priests offering sacrifices.
Priests to whom?
Sacrifices of what?

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Hebrews 13:3

Taking care of the persecuted.

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1 Timothy 5:16

Taking care of abandoned widows.

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Ephesians 2:19 – 22

The church is a family and a dwelling place for
God.

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1 Peter 4:10 - 11

As each one has received a gift, serve one
another as good stewards of the manifold grace
of God.

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(1) Evidence that Jesus is God

(2) Maintaining the body