



Community

What is church and what is its purpose?

church - ekklesia - called out group

3 Illustrations the Bible uses for church

1) The household of God

Ephesians 2:19, Ephesians 1:5

-A pagan captive would become a part of a Roman family

How you became a Roman soldier/citizen

1) Defeated in battle

2) Chosen by a Roman family, adopted, and given a Roman land inheritance

3) Went to a citizenship class to learn Roman culture and etiquette

4) Empowered with Roman citizenship

5) Starts to actually live and act like a Roman

*we are to be God's family

*Are you loving and caring for those in Veracity like they are your family?

*Veracity Thanksgiving is coming up

2) the body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:12-20

-we have a unity like the unity of the human body

-we have a mission and we all have a part to play in it

-we need each other

3) the temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 3:16

-when we put our faith in Jesus God's spirit is with us as individuals

-we we are meeting as a group of believers God is present with us

*everything we do as a church should be centered around Jesus

*we are blessed that we can do all the BASIC series things together