

Discussion questions

1. What is a local church? What is the purpose of the local church?

2. Discuss ways in which the following deficits can keep the church from its appointed task.

Whining
Disunity
Unwillingness to suffer
Forgetting the sacrifice of the Savior to save us.
Forgetting the love the Spirit poured out within us, c.f. Romans 5:5.
Arrogance (Do arrogant people know it? Do humble people know they are humble?)

3. Why are selfish people unhappy? Was that Adam and Eve's problem in the garden?

4. Was Jesus fully human? Was He fully divine? Does that make Him two people? Could He have been partially God and partially human?

5. Could Jesus have sinned? Was it really temptation if He couldn't sin?

6. Read Hebrews 2:14-18; 4:14-16. What are some benefits that come from Jesus being a real person with real temptations?

7. When the local church is going about its appointed task what kinds of feelings do the people in the church have?

“What Did Jesus Do?”

Philippians 1:27—2:18

1. Live with each other in such a way to give credit to the Gospel message. Make the Gospel goals and purposes the standard: be worthy, stand firm, strive together, be unalarmed and ready to suffer (Philippians 1:27-30).
2. Remember the feeling of affection, compassion, fellowship and encouragement that Christ and His Spirit have for you and share it with the church by refusing to be pushy. Quit thinking about yourself and count others more important (Philippians 2:1-4).
3. Count like Jesus. Follow Christ’s example of self-giving love, not for those who are worthy, but for those you *count* as worthy (Philippians 2:5-11).
4. Work out what it means to be a follower of Jesus: stop the grumbling, complaining, whining (Philippians 2:12-14).
5. Work out what it means to be a follower of Jesus: be the light, show the light in the darkness (Philippians 2:15-16).
6. Experience deeply what it mean to sacrifice and serve (Philippians 2:17-18).



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Text Questions

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