

Confirmation Lesson 1

What a Church is and does

1. Study 3 statements by the church about its nature and mission. These statements can be found in *The Book of Confession* or online at <http://www.pcusa.org/oga/constitution.htm>
 - a. Apostles Creed
 - b. Confession of 1967
 - c. Brief Statement of Faith

Ponder these two questions: What is the church? What does the church do?

2. Review these Scripture passages in light of question 1
 - a. Matthew 25:31-46
 - b. Matthew 28: 18-20
 - c. Acts 2:42
3. Rank the following with (1) being most important and (6) being least important
 - ___ Having a beautiful worship service
 - ___ Keeping nice buildings and grounds
 - ___ Helping church members learn what it means to follow Jesus Christ
 - ___ Telling people outside the church about Jesus Christ
 - ___ Feeding the hungry, welcoming strangers, clothing the naked, taking care of the sick and visiting prisoners
 - ___ Church members loving each other and having fun together

Homework:

1. Read the Gospel of Mark
2. Write out the definition of the word "church." This should be both a dictionary definition and a few sentences in your own words.
3. In a few sentences, describe what your "idea church" would be like and what it would do.
4. Create a collage describing your ideal church. Be as creative as you want.