

-Ministry

**I. What is the church?**

- A. The Universal Church [Matthew 16:13-19]
  
- B. The local church [Matthew 18:15-20]

**II. What should local churches have in common?**

- A. People [Ephesians 4:11-12]
  - Elders (Pastors)
  - Laity
  
- B. Purposes [Matthew 28:18-20]
  - Glorifying God
  - Growing – Discipleship
  - Going – Evangelism and Missions
  
- C. Participation [Acts 2:42-47]
  - Sunday Worship
  - Singing
  - Preaching
  - Prayer Meetings
  - Giving
  - Sacraments – Baptism and Communion
  - Fellowship (*Small Group*)

**III. What can local churches have as differences?**

- A. Different diversity in the People
  
- B. Different emphasis in the Purposes
  
- C. Different styles in the Participation

**IV. What should be my relationship to the local church?**

- A. Prayerfully discern
  
- B. Commit
  
- C. Receive (Hospital)
  
- D. Serve (Army)