



## **SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSIGNMENT AND STUDY GUIDE**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**Series: Honoring God | Subject: We Honor God's Church**

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### **Instructions For This Week**

- 1. Take this week to study your Sunday School lesson prior to coming to class.**
- 2. Do the homework assignments throughout this study guide.**
- 3. Bring the study guide along with your answers to class.**

**See you there!**

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### **Key Verses**

#### **Hebrews 10:24-25**

"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another..."

#### **Matthew 16:18**

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

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## **WHAT IS THE LOCAL CHURCH?**

**The Local Church is God's designated place** where people can come and get plugged in an environment and life system that produces Kingdom results (good success) in every aspect of their life and ministry.

## WE ARE THE ANSWER FOR THE WORLD

We are the Church – God’s “life system” and solution for the world’s spiritual, psychological and physical crisis today. As God’s institution, we are commissioned to take the lead to establish Christian authority, Christian values and Christian principles in the earth even while challenged by a world culture that seeks to diminish the Voice of God.

**Assignment:** The church is commissioned to take the lead in establishing what three things in the earth?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

According to the New Testament, the church is a “called out” group of believers that take a stand for righteousness, assemble together, pray for situations, worship corporately, fellowship with one another and lead to transform the community that surrounds them.

In this present age, great effort must be given to preserve this Biblical model as the Church labors to get people saved and make disciples for Jesus Christ globally. The Church also must remain a moral compass and be a leading force for righteousness despite the enemy and Kingdom of darkness’ efforts to divide and distract the Body of Christ.

**Assignment:** Name at least three things the church is called to do:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

## WE LEAD

We take the lead in transforming generations for Christ in our community, region and world. It is our objective to produce a culture of empowerment that will shift the mindsets, mannerisms and ways of believers to a life of righteousness and success in every facet of living.

We are passionate concerning leading souls to salvation, in discipleship, breakthrough (deliverance) and into their purpose in Christ Jesus. We uncompromisingly direct these souls through the principles in the Word of God and lead by example in the things of God.

### **Matthew 9:36-38**

<sup>36</sup> But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; <sup>38</sup> Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.

**Assignment:** Provide an example of a way the church takes the lead in impacting the world for Jesus Christ. \_\_\_\_\_

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## **WE GROW**

We are committed to spiritual growth. We believe that development through spiritual nurture is necessary for every believer and is in coordination with their personal assignment and purpose in Christ Jesus. We believe that spiritual growth is God's process of preparing Christians for leading their families, leading in the world around them and for the work of the ministry at the Local Church. It is imperative that God's people progressively walk in spiritual maturity moving to being powerful assets for the Kingdom of God.

### **Hebrews 5:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. <sup>13</sup> For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. <sup>14</sup> But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

**Assignment:** Fill in the blanks - Spiritual growth is God's process of preparing Christians for leading their \_\_\_\_\_, leading in the \_\_\_\_\_ around them and for the work of the \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_.

Here are some the things we must do to grow stronger in Christ so that we can accomplish the things He has called us to do.

1. Follow Pastoral leadership and instruction.
2. Apply God's Word to your life – be a doer of the Word.
3. Attend church services consistently.
4. Give in tithing and offering.
5. Study your Sunday School Lessons and other teachings from the church.
6. Desire and embrace correction so you can grow.
7. Embrace opportunities to fellowship at Life Group events and church services.

**Assignment:** List at least two things you can do to grow stronger in Christ:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

## **WE IMPACT**

The power of the Body of Christ is when we come together to do greater than what we can do individually. We are here to make an IMPACT! We believe that we are called to effect change in the earth on a grand scale through the vehicle of the Local Church.

We are believers on a rescue mission that are determined to see a shifting in our communities and in the world. We prayerfully and passionately seek transformation through our ministry programs, outreach programs, construction initiatives, world reach and other God-given opportunities as we seek to establish a godly culture through these efforts.

### **Mark 16:15**

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

### **John 15:16**

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

## **Matthew 5:14-16**

<sup>14</sup> Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

<sup>15</sup> Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. <sup>16</sup> Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

### **Assignments:**

1. Fill in the blanks – The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Body of Christ is when we come \_\_\_\_\_ to do \_\_\_\_\_ than what we can do individually.
2. What are some of the ways the church is making an impact in our community and the world (provide at least 3):
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Name something you can personally do to help the church make a Kingdom impact. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## **YOUR COMMITMENT TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

Your commitment to your Local Church is critical to your Christian walk and sustaining your relationship with Christ. The Local Church is the institution that God has set up to nurture and develop God's people as well as advance the overall mission of Christ.

For the Christian, the Local Church provides times of worship, a venue to hear the Word of God, Christian counsel, a place to serve, an opportunity to support a higher cause and fellowship with the people of God. It is important as a Christian to get in a pattern of coming to church. Your obedience, attendance and personal accountability in Christ and for the Church will strengthen and stabilize you.

## Assignments:

1. List 3 things the Local Church provides:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Why is it important to get into a pattern of attending church?

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## WE HONOR GOD'S CHURCH

This is an exciting season for our church as we enter the celebration of our 27<sup>th</sup> Pastors and Church Anniversary! It has been 27 years of God saving, reaching, transforming, delivering and impacting souls for Jesus Christ – through the leadership of Bishop Dukes and Pastor Deborah and the Harvest Life Church!

This anniversary is about honoring what God has done through Harvest Life Church, what He's doing right now and what He desires to do in the future. So for your last assignment of this lesson...

**Assignment:** Honor God and show appreciation for how your life and family are being blessed through the Local Church He established by being present for all our Anniversary Worship Services and events this week! (Visit [harvestlife.org](http://harvestlife.org) for full itinerary).