

Discipleship training 14

The Practical Purposes of The Local Church.

1. *The local church is God's _____ in this dispensation to us, for where He wants us to _____.*
(The Way)

2. *It is God's _____ resource in this dispensation to _____ us what He wants us to know.*

1 Tim 3:15 But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.

3. *It is the manifestation of Christ's _____ in this dispensation to develop us the way He wants us to _____.* **Eph 4:4-16**

Through the Local Church we are...

- **Edified in the Body.**

Eph 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

Eph 4:12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ:

- **Unified in the _____.**
Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
Eph 4:3 Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.
- **Strengthen in the _____.**
Eph 4:13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ:
- **_____ in Doctrine.**
Eph 4:14 That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;
- **Established in _____.**
Eph 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ:

4. The Local Church is God's _____ in this dispensation through which we carry out His commission to Go! Acts 13:1-4

The Residual Purpose of the Local Church. (What just happens as a result)

1. God created us to be a part of a _____.
2. It's where we find encouragement.
3. It's where we find _____.