

Ekklesia - Conclusion

1. Let's discover what the Bible says about church.
2. The church is not a building . . . it's a body.
3. Church is not about religion, it's about a relationship.
4. Church is not a church because it's people-filled; it must be Spirit-filled.
5. Church is not one perfect place . . . It's about one perfect Person.

Advent #1 - Hope

1 Corinthians 13:13 (NLT) - Three things will last forever - faith, hope, and love.

Hebrews 3:6 (NLT) - But Christ, as the Son, is in charge of God's entire house. And we are God's house.

Study Guide

1. Can you recall a particular memorable Christmas from your childhood? What made it so noteworthy? Have you ever been able to duplicate it?
2. As we enter Advent this year, how are you feeling? Engaged or disengaged? Excited or tentative? Maybe pause here and ask the Lord to lead you safely into deeper relationship with Him.
3. Being purposeful could prove to be very helpful this year. What types of things could you do to produce healthy outcomes regarding Christmas in 2020?
4. The first word referenced in our Advent celebrations was the word 'Hope'. What are your observations and understandings surrounding that word? Look up the following passages to help clarify your thinking.
 - 1 Corinthians 13:13
 - Hebrews 3:6
 - Romans 15:13
5. Take some time to really ponder the wonder of Jesus coming into the world. Why might this be, in this particularly challenging year, of huge significance?

We're praying for you this season - that we would all discover a re-birth of warm affection and intimate friendship with Jesus.