

# Church

(pg. 141-142)

## Study Questions

1. What are some of the ways the culture has come to think of "the church?"
2. READ 2 Samuel 7: 1-6. What does this tell you about God's definition of "church?" Does the illustration about Coachella on pages 130-131 help? Can you think of other such gatherings- secular or sacred?
3. According to the authors, on pages 131-132, when was the English word church first used to translate the ancient Greek? How does this compare to definition of "church" from the 2 Samuel passage you just read in question 2?
4. What Greek word, do we learn on pages 132-133, did Jesus use that we have translated to "church?" What is the important difference between the modern understanding and the original definition?
5. READ Matthew 16: 18. Why is translating this word to *church* instead of "gathering" so problematic?
6. According to page 135, what word did Luke and Paul use that we have translated to *church* in English? What "heavy-lifting" did Paul and Luke do?
7. Rather than being contained within the walls of a building, we read on pages 136-137, Paul suggests that believers are connected in another way. He uses two concepts: *koinonia* and body of believers. What do these concepts tell us?

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