

OUR LIFE AS THE CHURCH

Scriptures for Consideration

Consider Our Foundation – the Cornerstone – Christ

A Christ-Centered Congregation

John 1:1-5,14; Ephesians 1:15-23; Ephesians 3:20-21; Colossians 1:13-20; Colossians 2:6-10; Revelation 1:4-18

Consider Our Calling – to be His people, a new people, a new creation

Live up to our calling - remember Christ's lofty view of His Church

Christ's inheritance (Eph. 1:18); God's sons and daughters (Eph. 1:5); Bride of Christ (Eph. 5:32); a new people ("chosen race, royal priesthood, holy nation – a people for God's own possession") (I Peter 2:9); the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-14; Ephesians 4:1-16); the Temple of God (I Cor. 3:16-17)

As subjects in His Kingdom, remember the marks of His Kingdom

Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7)

Remember His directives/His commands

- Greatest Command – Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind (Matt. 22:37)
- Second Greatest Command – Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt. 22:37)
- Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20)

Live by His values. Christ's prayer for His church (John 17)

- Known for our unity (Eph. 4:1-3)
- Known for our love (I Cor. 13)
- We would be known by our "one another" ethic (all ~70 "one another verses in scripture)

Follow His example. Phil. 2:1-11

Consider the examples of the early Church

Acts 2:42-47; Acts 4:32-37