

The church: How the word is used

- Referring to all who are the called out, universally
 - Matthew 16:18
 - Acts 2:47
 - Ephesians 5:23-25
 - Hebrews 12:22-28

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- Referring to the called out in a locality
 - “A specific group of Christians who are in the same geographical area and have purposed to band and assemble together as a body to fulfill specific goals and needs” (L.A.Stauffer, “The Church: A Biblical Perspective,” p.14)
 - 1Corinthians 1:2
 - 1 Thessalonians 1:1
 - Galatians 1:2
 - Acts 11:22, 26
 - Unassembled
 - Acts 8:3
 - Assembled
 - 1 Corinthians 11:17, 18, 20, 33, 34
 - 1 Corinthians 14:19, 33, 34, 35
- Regional (NASB)
 - Acts 9:31

Review Questions

- What is the meaning of the word “church” as used in the New Testament?
- How are individuals called, and by whom?
- Describe the calling.
- Into what relationship are men and women called?
 - Out of what are they called?
 - Into what are they called?
- In what two main senses is the word used in the New Testament?
 - Give an example of each