

Leading The Church Forward

Study Questions for the Week One

“Who Rules the Church”

Colossians 1:16-19, Ephesians 1:22-23

1. The pandemic helped us to stop confusing the “church” with the physical building. Give a one-sentence, biblical definition of the church?

Jonathan Leeman’s Definition of a Church:

A local church is a group of _____ who regularly _____ in Christ’s name to officially affirm and oversee one another’s _____ in Jesus Christ and his kingdom through gospel _____ and gospel _____ .

2. What are some reasons you come to church? What are some things the church should do when they are gathered?
3. Pastor Paul warned us that we are not immune from drifting from Jesus. How can we prevent that from happening?
4. In the book of Revelation, Chapter 2, what criticism was leveled against the Church of Ephesus? What was the end result?
5. Both in Colossians and in Ephesians, the Bible uses the human body as an analogy for the church. What part of the body is Jesus? What part is the church? What impact does that have on us?