



Church Merit



1. Answer the following:

a. How does the Old Testament define *church* in the following Scripture references?

Exodus 25:8–9; 1 Kings 5:5

b. How does the New Testament define *church* in the following Scripture references?

Acts 11:25–26; 1 Corinthians 12:27–28; Ephesians 1:22–23;
Colossians 1:18

c. How do these two definitions differ?

The Old Testament describes the church as _____

The New Testament describes the church as _____

2. Using the following Scripture verses, list some of the things that we as part of the Church, the body of Christ, do. Pick ONE of the following verses to work on for the next two weeks. Each day make a list of those things you have done to put your Scripture verse into action.

John 13:34–35 _____

Mark 16:15–16 _____

Matthew 28:19–20 _____

1 Timothy 4:12 _____

Galatians 5:13 _____

Romans 14:13 _____

Colossians 3:15 _____

Hebrews 10:24 _____

Leader's
Initials

Date _____

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7
Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12	Day 13	Day 14

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3. Explain in writing how your church body is organized and who fills each position. Do they volunteer or get paid? What are their main job responsibilities? Be certain to include such jobs as the pastor, youth pastor, children's pastor, deacons or board members, elders, department heads, secretary, maintenance help, and bookkeeper. Read the following two Scripture references and explain why these verses are important to remember when choosing and appointing church leadership: 1 Peter 5:1-3 and 1 Timothy 3:1-10. (Write your answer on a separate sheet of paper and insert it in your workbook.)
4. Write a one-page report or make a poster to show the history of your church's building and body. Include the following: Who was given the vision for starting the church, who was the first pastor, where was the first church building located, when was the church started, and what important events are a special part of the church history?
5. Using 1 Corinthians 12:21-26 explain what it means to be a member of the body of Christ. List the requirements for church membership in your local church body. Explain why membership in a local church body is important.

6. Explain how your church is financed. Give three Scripture references on tithing. Keep track of your tithing to the church for one month.

Tithing Chart

Month of _____				
Week One	Week Two	Week Three	Week Four	Total
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

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7. Read 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Colossians 3:23. Then select (with your commander's approval) TWO of the following, to serve the Lord in your church body.
- a. Be an active member for at least one month in your church choir, band, Junior Bible Quiz, etc.
 - b. Help set up or serve as a waiter or busboy at a church banquet or fundraiser.
 - c. Serve as an usher for a one-week series of special meetings or for one month of regular services.
 - d. Spend at least two hours helping with yard work or parking lot cleanup at your church.
 - e. Spend at least two hours promoting your church in visitation or neighborhood outreach.
 - f. Spend at least two hours vacuuming or doing other cleaning jobs in the church building.
 - g. Spend at least two hours assisting the secretary in making church bulletins, mailings, or other promotional materials.
 - h. Spend at least two hours being a pastor's assistant by helping with tasks assigned by the pastoral staff.

I served my church body by _____

Date(s): _____

Person in charge: _____

I served my church body by _____

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