
Study 6 – Praying for protection, standing on promise, and moving in power.

Introductory Question

1. Have you ever considered your faith in terms of having been joined to a body of salvation, rather than just simply a personal redemption? How would you view the importance of the church in light of this?

Observe

2. What does the New Testament scripture have to say about the church? Discuss or record what you see/hear in the following verses.
 - a. Ephesians 3:7-11
 - b. John 17:11, 17:15-17 and 17:20-21
 - c. Ephesians 5:25-33 (hint: verse 32 is important)
3. What are the gifts for the Spirit? Who are they given for? How could they build and edify the church?
4. Discuss Matthew 16:18

Understand

5. **How do you feel about talk of an unseen spiritual realm? Have you any experience of this as a reality? Share testimonies if possible to encourage each other (keep it positive)**

6. **When do you think the church gained victory over death and destruction? Why?**

7. **Why would Satan attack individuals if he is after the fall of the church?**

8. **Why might the fall of the church be so important to Satan? (hint: Eph 3:10)**

Apply

9. **Pray for God's protection of his church (body) from the challenges of the dark powers and authorities in the heavenly realm.**
10. **Seek God's guidance about how you might act together as a body of believers and not just as individuals (discuss).**
11. **Encourage one another to read the bible and to look for God's promises for believers and his church.**