

## The Church, Part 2

Ashland Church of Christ: *Sunday Morning Young Adults Class*

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- Why Study about the church?
  - There is much confusion about the church in current culture.
  - Romans 3:4 — God is right and what He said is all that matters.
  
- Current Trends in Religion:
  - “Preach Jesus, not the church.”
    - You cannot separate the head from the body.
    - Acts 8:12 — this is not the New Testament example.
  - “Join the church of your choice.”
    - Ephesians 4:4-6 — there is only one biblical church.
    - Matthew 16:18 — we want to join the church of Christ’s choice.
  - “Do not worry about church, just worship God in your own way.”
    - John 4:24 — God told us how to worship.
    - Consider some other questions to help answer this one:
      - Does God care if we regard the sacrifice of His Son as a vain thing? (Acts 20:28).
      - Does God care if I am saved? (Acts 2:47).
      - Does God care if I remain in the world? (Colossians 1:13).
      - Does God care if I receive spiritual blessings? (Matthew 6:33).
  
- Good points about the church:
  - Evangelism (Matthew 28:18-20).
  - Edification (Galatians 6:10).
  - Benevolence (1Thessalonians 5:11).
  - Worship (John 4:24).