

# **Answers To Life's Most Essential Questions**

## **Lesson 7: What Is The Church?**

How many churches did Jesus establish?

### **1. What The Church Is Not**

Can all of the different churches in existence today be right in the sight of God? Explain your answer.

List some characteristics of the church that views itself as an earthly organization. Is the church an earthly organization?

List some characteristics of the church that views itself as a social club. Is the church a social club?

List some characteristics of the church that views itself as a political machine. Is the church a political machine?

List some characteristics of the church that views itself as a building where religious people meet together. Is the church a building where religious people meet together?

List some characteristics of the church that views itself in the role of Christ. Does the church have the same role as Jesus Christ?

List some characteristics of the church that views itself as a group of denominations. Is the church a group of denominations?

## **2. What The Church Is**

What does the Greek word “ekklesia” mean?

What does it mean for the church to be the kingdom of God?

What does it mean for the church to be the body of Christ?

What does it mean for the church to be the household of God?

What does it mean for the church to be the temple of God?

What does it mean for the church to be the church of Christ?

## **3. The “Universal And “Local” Church**

What is the “universal” church?

What is the “local” church? Is there a pattern for local churches to follow? Why should you join a local church?