



THE LOCAL CHURCH AND ME

Talk to Me About... #3



THE LOCAL CHURCH IS IMPORTANT

- **"Church" is always people, never a building or a place.**
 - ◆ Acts 5.11; 8.1,3; 9.31
- **The importance of the local church is seen throughout Scripture:**
 - ◆ Jesus spoke of the local church - Matthew 18.17
 - ◆ Luke writes about the actions of the church at Jerusalem - Acts 11.22
 - ◆ Local church is the realm of earthly oversight - Acts 14.23
 - ◆ The immediate actions of Saul/Paul after conversion - Acts 9.26-28
- **What are my responsibilities toward the local church?**

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

It came together regularly
1 Corinthians 11.18; 16.1-2

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

It observed the Lord's Supper
1 Corinthians 11.20ff

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

It was clothed in unity
1 Corinthians 12.25-27

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

It came together for edification

1 Corinthians 14.1-5

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

Their assemblies were understandable and orderly
1 Corinthians 14.26ff

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT

THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

It stood on the gospel
1 Corinthians 15.1-2

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT



THE LOCAL CHURCH IN SCRIPTURE:

It took up a collection from among itself
1 Corinthians 16.1-2

Note what the local church (people, not a building) did in the NT

HOW SHOULD I RESPOND?

- If the local church in Scripture assembled regularly, I need to make that a priority in my life.
- If the local church came together to partake of the Lord's Supper, that's where I need to be to partake of the Lord's Supper.
- If the local church was clothed in unity, I need to do my part to make sure the local church is unified.
- If the local church came together to be edified in orderly assemblies, I need to do my part to give edification to others.
- If the local church took a collection from among itself, I must be willing to follow that same example.
- If the local church stood on the gospel, we need to do the same!



**Do my actions, behaviors, and choices
bring this church closer to the image
of Christ and His pattern?**



**Have I responded to Christ and
become His follower?**

