



**July Memory Verse:** *“There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, on God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.” Ephesians 4:4-6 (ESV)*

**Series:** You & Me & Jesus (02)

**Title:** The Word & Teaching

**Scripture:** Acts 2:41-47; Matthew 28:18-20; Hebrews 4:12-13; Jeremiah 15:16; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Psalm 19; various

**What is church? Church is an assembled group of people saved (called out) by God who:**

1. Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, and do the Word of God.
2. Practice the Ordinances of the body of Christ (Baptism & The Lord’s Supper).
3. Are accountable to one another for Holy Living and the Great Commission.

**What makes a group of people a church? (How is a church different from any other group of people on the planet?)**

- The Biblical functions of church make a group of people the church:



**What has the church been devoted to since the beginning of the church? Teaching the Scriptures. (Acts 2:41-47)**

**What did Jesus tell the church to teach? The Scriptures. (Matt. 28:18-20)**



**What did Jesus teach? The Scriptures (The Old Testament) and His Words and actions became the four Gospels and part of Acts. (Luke 24:27; 32; 44-49; Mark 12:24)**

**What did Paul teach? The Scriptures and many of his letters became the rest of the New Testament. (1 Cor. 15:1-11)**

**What does the Bible instruct the church to teach? All of Scripture. The Old Testament and the New Testament. (2 Tim. 3:16-17)**

**Does the Bible connect the Old and New Testament? YES. HEBREWS explains how God spoke through prophets (OT) but now He speaks through His Son (the Word made flesh). Hebrews 1:1-4 (ESV)**

**Who teaches the Word? The people who hear the Word are to teach it. (Hebrews 2:1-3)**

**How do you hear the Word?**

- **Open your heart, your eyes, and your ears. (Heb. 3:7-9, 2 Cor. 3:14-18; Psalm 119:18; Prov. 22:17-19)**
- **Eat the Word. (Jeremiah 15:16)**

**Why does the Word of God work in us? (Heb. 4:12-13)**

1. **Living - The Word is alive. (John 1:1-4, 14; Matt. 5:18)**
2. **Active - The Word is actively working. (Psalm 19:7-11)**
3. **Sharper than any two edged sword. (Eph. 6:17)**
4. **Pierces to the division of soul and of spirit. (1 Thess. 5:23; Ezek. 18:4; Matt. 16:26)**
5. **Discerning the mind and the emotions. (Psalm 139:1-3, Psalm 19:12; 1 John 3:20)**
6. **Sees everything in its path (Bright flood light). (Psalm 119:1-5; Psalm 19:1-6)**
7. **Exposes every detail of our lives (x-ray vision). (Mark 4:21-24; Psalm 119:105)**

**When you read the Bible, the Bible reads you.**

**How do we teach the Bible?**

- **Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, and do the Word of God.**
- **Don't focus on building your hearers. Focus on building your ears for God's Word.**