

Chapter 3

What Every Church Should Aspire to Be: Healthy

We shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

1 John 3:2



1. “Healthy” is the word being used to describe the church that’s being and doing what it’s supposed to be and do. Why is “healthy” a good descriptor for the local church (1 Cor 12:27; Eph 1:22-23; 3:6; Col 1:18, 24; 2:18-19; 3:15; Heb 13:3)? Can you think of another one?
2. What is a healthy church? Write the definition given on page 40 below.
3. Based on this definition, list as many characteristics as you can of a healthy church.
4. Which 6 moments in the storyline of the Bible are presented as guides for our understanding of God’s character? For each moment answer these two questions: (1) Who is God to us? and (2) Who are we to Him?
5. Is there a specific aspect of God’s character that you’d like to reflect more toward your brothers and sisters in Christ? In what ways can you begin to better reflect that aspect of his character?