

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Ecclesiology

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**The Church** began at \_\_\_\_\_. Acts 2:1; 20:7

**The Church** is called to be a \_\_\_\_\_ community of faith that \_\_\_\_\_ God's glory to the world. Acts 2:42-47

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