

THE CHURCH | JORDAN ALLEN | MAY 31, 2020

WHAT MAKES A CHURCH A CHURCH

What is a church?

Classical Marks of the church:

- One _____
- Holy _____
- Catholic _____
- Apostolic _____

Reformation Marks of the church:

- _____
- _____

Definitions of the local church

- *“A local church is a group of Christians who regularly gather in Christ’s name to officially affirm and oversee one another’s membership in Jesus Christ and his kingdom through gospel preaching and gospel ordinances.” – Jonathan Leeman*
- *“A local church is a group of baptized believers who meet regularly to worship God through Jesus Christ, to be exhorted from the Word of God, and to celebrate the Lord’s Supper under the guidance of duly appointed leaders.” – John Piper*
- *“Local churches [are] oriented to God’s glory, Word centered (on both Christ and Scripture), Spirit activated, covenantal (the new covenant and church covenant), confessional (personal confession of faith and corporate confession of the faith), missional (sent on the mission of God), and assembled as pilgrims on the way to a future hope.” – Gregg Allison*

Ingredients of a local church (what you MUST have)

- A _____ of _____
- Who _____
- Confessing a _____ and _____ together
- And _____ in _____