

Bible Minor
Theology: Church
Class 03: Mission Ministries Ordinances (Part 1)

Class Schedule (90 minutes total)

****Please arrive on time****

10-15 minutes	Fellowship at your table (get to know each other)
15 minutes	Pre-Video Discussion Questions
30-40 minutes	Class via Video
10-15 minutes	Post-Video Discussion Questions
5 minutes	Closing Thoughts and Dismissal

Feel free to stay around and hang out after class

Pre-Video Discussion Questions

1. Please read the following statement from our church leadership: *When it comes to mission, ministries, and ordinances there is room for differences in the outworking of these areas. In other words, churches believe in membership but the way it is handled may be different. All churches believe in a leadership structure, but the organization of that leadership may look different. All churches believe in celebrating ordinances (baptism and the Lord's Supper), but the frequency and observation may differ. As we move through these classes regarding the church, keep in mind that the same **principle** may exist in every church, but the **application** may differ across churches. So, when Dr. Kimble talks about the way his church does something, it doesn't mean that EVERY church handles it that way.*
2. Discuss what each of you believe concerning the requirements to become a member of a church. What does church membership mean to you?
3. Discuss your thoughts on the following statement: "I love Jesus, but not the church."

Post-Video Discussion Questions

1. What is meant by the term *church polity*?
2. Discuss each of the following forms of church polity:
 - a. Episcopalian
 - b. Presbyterian
 - c. Congregational
3. Have someone read the following: "The Summit is a form of congregational government. We are pastor-led, deacon-led (finance team, leadership team), and have a plurality of elders (pastors). Pastors are responsible for preaching, teaching, and leadership. The "deacons" help support the vision of the pastors, based on the guidance of the Scriptures. The congregation votes on larger issues as defined in the by-laws."
4. What does it mean that the pastor/elder is to shepherd the flock of God? (see 1 Peter 5:1-4)