

A local church is:

1. An Outpost of the Kingdom Of Heaven (Eph. 2:19)

- we are ambassadors, not consumers.
- we don't go to worship; we worship because we are the church.
- gatherings must be governed by Scripture
- when we worship, we're expressing the culture of the kingdom.
- gatherings should be evangelistic.

2. A Holy Temple (Eph.2:22, 2Cor. 3:17)

- God's dwelling place has a congregational shape.
- corporate Worship is a priestly ministry to other believers.
- the real action is in the pew not on the stage.

3. The Body of Christ (Eph.4; 1Cor 14)

- gather to edify and be edified.
- corporate worship is discipleship.
- reflect unity in diversity