



Lugogo Baptist Church

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY, 27th June 2021

2021 Theme: Living a life on Mission (Matthew 28:19-20)

June and July Theme: Characteristics of Disciples, Lessons from 1 Timothy

Topic: Disciples Belong to a Local Church (1 Timothy 3:14-16)

Ice Breaker: *"If you claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ, I encourage you to consider your present commitment to a local church"* – David Platt.

- What does it mean to be a member of a local Church?
- Why is it important for a Christian to belong to a local Church?

Study Questions

- 1 Timothy 3:14-15:**
 - a. What is Paul's purpose of writing to Timothy?
 - b. With reference to Paul's letter to Timothy and other New Testament passages, how are Christians supposed to conduct themselves?
 - c. Why would it be important for believers to have a standard of behaviour/conduct if we have freedom in Jesus?
- 1 Timothy 3:15-16,** Paul describes the church using three phrases/pictures, what do you understand by each of them as listed below:
 - a. God's household?
 - b. Church of the Living God?
 - c. Pillar and the foundation of the truth?
- What implications do the descriptions above have for the church and believers?
- 1 Timothy 3:16,**
 - a. How would you explain to someone the descriptions that Paul gives of Jesus' ministry in this verse?
 - b. What should the church do with this truth of Jesus Christ?
- "At home in my own house there is no warmth or vigour in me, but in the church when the multitude is gathered together, a fire is kindled in my heart and it breaks its way through"* – Martin Luther
 - a. In which way is cooperate worship of benefit to a believer?
 - b. Given our study today, how would you respond to someone who told you, *"I can be a Christian without being a part of a church"*?
 - c. Aside from attending Sunday zoom, in which other ways can we good members of our local church during this season?