COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

The week of Sunday, September 20th

***Last week's sermon & this homework can be found at gbcmt.org/sermons or on the GBC App*

Prayer and Praise:

As we begin a new session of Community Groups, share with the group how you have struggled or grown over the past six months considering the year that 2020 has been.

After prayer, please continue praising God through song: *#4 – To God Be The Glory*

Together in the Word:

1. Since the church is indeed a people, why is it not sound thinking when people say things like "I do church in the woods" or "My church is my Wednesday morning coffee group"? What makes a church a church? _____
2. We know that Christ loved the church (Eph. 5:25; Acts 20:28) and that we should love the church (1 John 3:14, 5:2), but what does it practically look like for someone to love the church? Or conversely, what does it NOT look like? _____
3. Sometimes the word "church" refers to the universal church, and sometimes "church" refers to a local church. What is the difference between these two terms? Can you provide an example of each usage? _____
4. Read 1 Timothy 3:14–16. What was Paul's purpose in writing this letter? When is a person in the house of God? _____
5. What does the church function as "the pillar and foundation of the truth"?

THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD

I Timothy 3:14-16

Series #14

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and a deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon: **"The Church of the Living God."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst for spiritual growth in your life.

1. Sometimes parents will resort to what in an attempt to curb certain behavior?
2. Is the church building, "God's house"?
3. What, in history, would be considered "God's house?"
4. God moved out of the temple in Jerusalem when the Jewish people did what?
5. In Matthew 21:13, Jesus referred to the temple as what?
6. Where does God dwell?
7. God dwells in the church as long we understand the word "church" to mean the what?
8. The purpose behind 1st Timothy was so that Timothy would know how to do what?
9. In chapter 1, Paul instructed Timothy about how to deal with what?
10. In chapter 2, Paul instructed Timothy about what?

11. What did Paul instruct Timothy about in chapter 3?

12. When there are disqualified leaders and false teachers, is it easy to come into a church and just "clean house"

13. Paul understood the value of personally doing what?

14. How did God use Paul's delay to bless us today in the 21st century?

15. Is the book of 1st Timothy very helpful to us in the 21st century?

16. Paul loved the church because he knew what?

17. What is the first thing we are reminded of from verse 15?

18. According to Acts 20:28 what did God purchase with His own blood?

19. Jesus is so connected to the church that when His church is persecuted, He sees what?

20. We are reminded by Paul that the church is to uphold what?

21. In Ephesians 3, Paul tells us that the church is a what?

22. What passage gives us a good definition of a biblical mystery?

23. What is unusual about Ephesians 3:1?

24. In verse 2, Paul tells us he was entrusted by God with what message?

25. The word "dispensation" in verse 2 means what?

26. On what does Paul expound in Romans, 1st and 2nd Corinthians, and Galatians?

27. What does Paul expound in Ephesians, Philippians & Colossians?

28. Paul was a steward of the grace of God for whom?

29. What is the primary quality in stewardship?

30. A mystery in the New Testament sense of the term is what?

31. What word in verse 5 is the problem when trying to understand verse 5?

32. In Colossians 1:24-26, Paul makes it clear that what was NOT in the Old Testament (in any way, shape, or form)?

33. What is the mystery?

34. What is still future in Matthew 16:18?

35. When did the church begin?

36. The truths expressed in verse 16 describe the wondrous what?

37. What is the best way to translate "justified in the Spirit"?

38. Who tried to hinder the ministry of Jesus? Who accompanied Him?

39. Why is, "preached among the Gentiles" so significant?

40. Why is "believed on in the world" indicating "mystery"?

41. Are you faithful to God's calling on you as part of the church?