

LESSON 18: THE CHURCH: MARKS (FINDING THE RIGHT ONE)

Memory work

Q. May we join a church as we wish?

No. Believers are to join only those assemblies that are truly church of God.

Q. How can you know what is truly a church of God?

*By investigating whether a church
in word and deed
seeks to be faithful to God's Word.
This is applied to
what the church believes,
how the church worships, and
how the church is governed.*

Homework

1.(2) Langley has three congregations of the United Church of Canada. Go to www.united-church.ca, click on Community & Faith, and click on “What we believe” and then on “Faith and the Bible”. Read through this document and write down something from this page that you figure is not right.

2.(3) South Langley Church is affiliated with the Mennonite Brethren. Read article 12 (expanded) of their confession: <https://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/summary-of-the-confession-of-faith/>. Now read Lord's Day 37 of our Heidelberg Catechism. What's the difference in teaching here between Mennonite churches and Reformed churches?

3a.(2) No church is perfect. The church you belong to is not either. What might turn you away from our church?

3b.(2) What would attract you to our church? _____

4.(1) In your opinion, is the church you are a member of a true church of God? _____