

What are the Indicators of a Church/Gathering?

In “Skill 5 Disciple in Groups”, we learn that the 3 Parts Meeting Pattern helps new followers to gather and disciple other people.



Look Back - What has happened. Testimony. Give thanks.

Look Up - Learn to apply the Bible **with Questions**.









Look Forward - Send people with prayer, vision and obedience.

Continue with the 3 Parts Pattern to form disciples into Churches/ Gatherings.

Indicators of a Church/Gathering



- a) Acts 2:36-47 shows us the basic **ACTIVITIES** and **FUNCTIONS** of a new community of believers.

	Acts 2:36-47	Verse and Observations
	Repentance & Baptism	
	Scripture/Bible	
	Fellowship & Giving	
	Breaking Bread, meals together	
	Prayer & Praise	
	Holy Spirit activity	
	Gospel/Ministry	
	Leaders	

- b) **Acts 2:36-47 is not a formula**, but rather a **description of life together** that comes from following Jesus and being filled with his Holy Spirit.

- c) **What are unnecessary or even wrong indicators?**

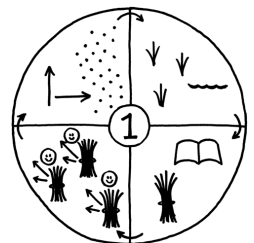


Things extra to the Bible to be a Church.

Examples:

- You must have electronic instruments to be a Church/ Gathering.
- You must have a special building to meet in.
- Other things?

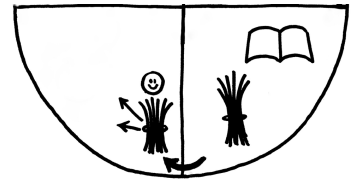
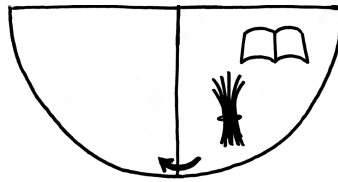
ACTIVITY Discuss this together.



Transition 3

Move from initial gathering
over to become church.

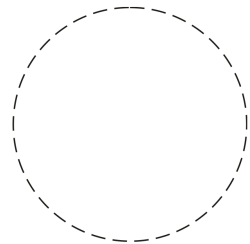
Get over the line. ↩



How do You Know when a Church Exists?

- **Dotted Circle = Starting**

Things are **just starting**, or a discipleship group is formed. Maybe there are only several indicators “in the circle”.



- **Solid Circle = A Church/ Gathering Exists**

All the indicators and functions are being practiced, with faith in Christ.
A multiplying church - Everything is "inside" the circle.



As things grow, ask the questions:

- What is in the Circle? (indicators are we doing?)
- What is not in the Circle? (indicators are we NOT doing?)