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**“A local body of baptized believers...”**

- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ universal and local.
- The local church is a visible \_\_\_\_\_ of the universal body of Christ.
- Individualism in the church = \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith.

**“...joined together under biblical leadership...”**

- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ with servants of the Word.
- The church is \_\_\_\_\_ to be servants with the Word.

**“...to grow in the likeness of Christ...”**

- Together, we want to know the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Guard against \_\_\_\_\_.
- Together, we want to imitate the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Guard against \_\_\_\_\_.
- Together, we want to display the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Guard against \_\_\_\_\_.

**“...and express the love of Christ to each other and to the world around them.”**

- \_\_\_\_\_ is the distinguishing mark of the church.
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- Together, we want to know the \_\_\_\_\_ truth \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Guard against deception \_\_\_\_\_.
- Together, we want to imitate the \_\_\_\_\_ character \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Guard against division \_\_\_\_\_.
- Together, we want to display the \_\_\_\_\_ fullness \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ.
  - Guard against distraction \_\_\_\_\_.

**“...and express the love of Christ to each other and to the world around them.”**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Love \_\_\_\_\_ is the distinguishing mark of the church.
- Join the church for the good of \_\_\_\_\_ other Christians \_\_\_\_\_.
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