The Church

What were the largest church and smallest church you attended on a regular basis? Despite their difference in size, what attribute did they share that drew you to each?

1.	What is the Church? READ the following passages and then define the church in your
	own words, including as many of the concepts found in these passages: 1 Cor. 1:2;
	Rev. 1:11; Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 3:10,21; 5:23,25,27,29,32; Col. 1:18; Heb.12:23.

- 2. When did the Church form? READ Acts 1:4-8; 2:1-4 and answer these questions:
 - A. Who did Jesus promise His disciples?
 - B. How did the Holy Spirit manifest Himself? Why was this manifestation important in that moment? (consider the context)
 - C. What immediate action by Peter proved that the promised supernatural empowerment to be witnesses had indeed come? Cf. Acts 2:14-36.
- 3. What are the **ordinances** of the Church? NOTE: An ordinance is an outward rite of an inward grace prescribed by Christ to be performed by His Church.
 - A. READ Luke 22:14-20 and 1 Cor. 11:23-26. What word that appears in both texts help us understand this rite's **purpose** for the church?

	made disciples?		
4.	What activities does Jesus expect of His Church? RI compile a list: Rev. 2:4; Heb. 10:24; 1 Cor. 14:24; Jan your opinion, how is the church measuring up?	- · · -	
5.	How does the Bible describe the relationship between Jesus and His Church? Compile a list of simple statements drawn from each of these passages: The first one is done for as an example. Which is most meaningful to you currently? Explain.		
	John 10: Jesus is shepherd; we are His sheep	1 Cor. 15:45	
	John 15:	Eph. 5:25-33	
	Eph. 2:19-21	Heb. 1:2	
	1 Peter 2	1 Cor. 15:23	
	1 Cor. 12	Col. 4:1	
5 .	When will the Church on earth end? READ 1 Thess.	A·12_18	
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READ Matthew 28:19-20. What ritual is commanded of those who have been

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