

What Should A Church Look Like?

Some people think a church should be large and awe-inspiring, like the great and magnificent cathedrals of Europe. Still others envision the white-steepled meeting house of a small New England town. Some might even consider our small, converted store-front as representing the true picture of a church.

It's understandable that when we hear the word "church" we think of a building. But, in truth, a church is not a building, but a people: a particular gathering of followers of Jesus Christ who have joined together to worship God and encourage one another to live according to Christ's teachings. We believe, therefore, that a church should look like people; people who have been brought to God "out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9). Established in 1973, Neighborhood Church has always sought to fulfill this understanding of "church."

Essential to this understanding of the church is a profound respect for the Bible. We believe, like all other evangelical Christians, that God has given us the Scriptures, of the Old and New Testaments, to be the church's only ruling guide as to how we might honor God and enjoy the blessings that attend communion with Him.

In the Scriptures we learn of a God who, out of love and for His own glory, creates human beings and provides everything they could possibly need. But we also discover how these very same human beings, though objects of God's love, reject their Creator and suffer the consequences. Yet, the Bible teaches, this same God, in grace and love, promises to send One who would rescue these rebels. This promise God restates and sustains throughout successive generations until the fulfillment of that promise comes in the person of "the only begotten of the Father," the Lord Jesus Christ (John 1:14)

The Bible further teaches that those who would escape the consequences of rebelling against God can only do so through believing in the person of Christ and the work that God accomplished through Him. For "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9). We at Neighborhood Church are convinced as to the truthfulness of these biblical teachings and their relevancy to your life.

In seeking to grow in our relationship with God we spend time in prayer and study of the Bible. We also spend time with one another in worship of God and fellowship. Additionally, we look for opportunities to tell others about this Good News.

Perhaps you yourself believe these things and are without a church home where you can grow in your walk with God. Or perhaps you are someone just beginning to look into Christianity. Whatever your level of interest in this church, please feel free to ask any questions which you might have. We will try, by the grace of God, to answer them.

So, what should a church look like? The buildings might look very different from one another, but the churches which meet in those buildings will look the same: they will look like people. People from every walk of life whose heart's desire is to worship God and enjoy Him forever.

We invite you to be part of Neighborhood Church of Greenwich Village

*What shall I render to the LORD
For all His benefits toward me?*

*I will take up the cup of salvation,
And call upon the name of the LORD.
I will pay my vows to the LORD
Now in the presence of all His people. Psalm 116:12-14*