

Worksheet 21 - Why do I want to join a local congregation?

(pp. 202, 203)

1. Read the section "The Need for Confessions" on pages 202, 203 and answer these questions:
 - a) Since we cannot see faith in the heart, what is the basis we need to use for testing a church against God's Word?
 - b) Why is it necessary not only to look at what a church says it teaches (its confessions) but also at what the church actually practices?
 - c) Can you continually attend and support a church without also supporting its confessions and practices, even if you disagree with them?
 - d) List the six confessions of the Lutheran church as published in the *Book of Concord*.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 - 5.
 - 6.
 - e) What is the name of the tract published by the WELS (Wisconsin Synod) that confesses what we believe and teach?
 - f) When we confess the full truth of God's Word what must we also do with everything that is false?

Home discussion: Discuss how we can show that we believe that our congregations teach God's Word correctly.

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(Q. 242-250, pp. 201-209)

Matching:

Three of the terms will have the same letter, since they mean the same thing

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| 1. ___ doctrine | A) Teaching |
| 2. ___ visible church | B) Written statements of what a church believes and teaches |
| 3. ___ WELS | C) United in faith because we agree on what God's Word says and so share the same doctrine |
| 4. ___ synod | D) All believers in Jesus everywhere |
| 5. ___ evangelical | E) A visible gathering of people around God's Word, such as, a congregation |
| 6. ___ confessions | F) A coming together and having something in common |
| 7. ___ fellowship | G) Holy people, which are all believers in Jesus because Jesus' holiness covers them. |
| Review: | H) Centered around the Gospel of Jesus |
| 8. ___ saints | I) A church body that shares the same faith and so walks together. |
| 9. ___ communion | J) Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, our church body |
| 10. ___ Holy Christian Church | |
| 11. ___ Communion of saints | |
| 12. ___ invisible Church | |

Fill in the Blank

These definitions describe what we do together with Christians who share our faith. Write the term that fits each definition.

- _____ Working together to spread God's Word
- _____ Praying to God together
- _____ Working together to teach the next generation God's Word
- _____ Worshiping, communing, and studying God's Word together

Fill in the Blank

Fill in the blank with the missing words. Look it up on pages 5 of the Catechism.

3rd Article (part 4): In the _____ way he _____,
 _____, _____, and _____ the whole
 _____ on earth and _____ it with _____
 _____ in the _____ true _____.

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| calls | Church | gathers | one |
| Christ | enlightens | Jesus | same |
| Christian | faith | keeps | sanctifies |