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Each of the above answers are correct and biblical, but each of them is not the best answer. If you can’t think of a better answer, an answer filled with God’s grace, for each of these questions, perhaps you should consider joining us for our study of the Fundamental Principles.

Q: Why do all these questions about the congregation matter?

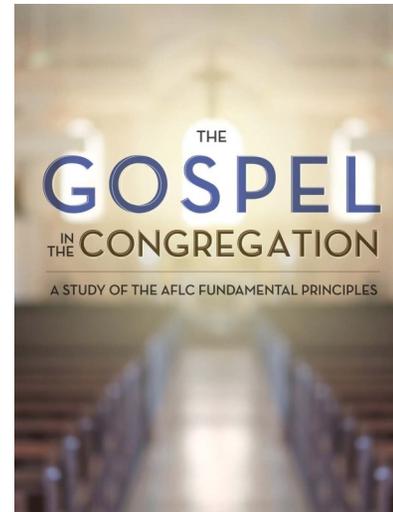
A: Read through the New Testament. Most of it is made up of Epistles. Letters written to congregations more than individuals. All of the commands, all of the promises contained in these letters are directed first at the congregation and then secondarily at the individual. American Christianity tends to hyperfocus on the individual to the detriment of the community. This tempts us to “do Christianity” as an individual endeavor rather than as a community. This is backwards from the way that the Bible addresses the issue. Fundamental Principle #1: The congregation is the right form of the Kingdom of God on earth.

# Wednesday Evening Fall Bible Study

**Starting Wednesday, Sept 14th**

**Dinner .....5:30 pm**

**Bible Study.....6:30 pm**



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If you plan on coming to the study, or would like to work through the study on your own, Please sign up on the order sheet in the narthex so we have an idea of how many to order.

*Who knew the hardest part of being an Adult was figuring out what to cook for dinner, so a meal will be provided each night.*

St. Paul’s is planning on providing the meals for Wednesday evenings. If you would like to volunteer to plan and serve the meal for one of the evenings, there will be a separate signup in the narthex. All meal costs can be reimbursed.

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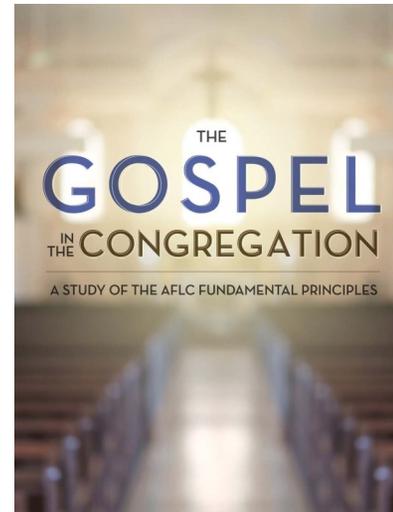
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