

## ***The First Purpose of the Church***

**Ephesians 2:19-22**

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### **Questions for reflection or small group discussion**

Introduction:

#### **I. Essential:**

- A. God is the V\_\_\_\_\_ center of our lives
- B. God's House is the V\_\_\_\_\_ of this

#### **II. Congregational:**

- A. Worship is P\_\_\_\_\_
- B. Worship is P\_\_\_\_\_

#### **III. Sacrificial:**

- A. People brought the Lord's T\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
- B. People gave T\_\_\_\_\_

#### **IV. Free:**

- A. The content does not C\_\_\_\_\_
- B. The form does C\_\_\_\_\_

Conclusion:

- Can you define worship?
- What does the OT teach about the practice of worship?
- Read Exodus 26 and 27 and make notes of what you learn about the Tabernacle as it applies to worship.
- How is worship a discipline? How is it a lifestyle?
- Read Psalms 96, 100, 149, 150. How does this inform your thoughts about worship?
- How is your worship corporate or shared?
- How is your worship participatory?
- What is the difference between fund-raising and stewardship?
- What does "giving yourself" in worship look like?
- Read Romans 12:1-2. What is the sacrifice? How is this a "living sacrifice"?
- What are the essential aspects of worship?
- How can these be expressed in different forms?
- Make a list of symbols you have seen in worship. How have they helped you focus on what is essential?
- Think about the different architectural styles of church buildings. How does architectural influence our worship?
- How might you use the Christian Church calendar to enhance your personal worship in the coming year?