

Defending the Church pt 2

Acts 11:25-26

Why is it important for the body of Christ to defend the Church? Simply put, the Word of God commands us. As daunting as this may seem, the Lord Jesus Christ is still the world's only hope of salvation and forgiveness of our sins. In a portion of the book of Acts we read about Peter's defense of the first Gentile church and the struggles they overcame to help spread the gospel to the ends of the earth. How is the Lord leading you to speak up, serve, and defend your local church?

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Four ways to Defend the Church

- **Silence the Critics (v.1-18)**

- **Share the Gospel (v.19-21)**

- **Strengthen the Church (v.22-26)**

- **Support the Ministry (v.27-30)**

Application

- ✓ In your journal, write down some ways you can help promote and facilitate ministry opportunities for others to serve the Lord?

- ✓ As you pray this week, thank God for His universal church (Jew and Gentile). Ask for wisdom in sharing the good news about Jesus Christ and ways to support His mission and ministry.

Meditate on the following scriptures: John 10:16; Romans 10:12-13; 1 Thess. 5:11; Acts 13:46-48

"Then he said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."
Mark 16:15