

Pastor's Use Only:
Memory Work Finished: ____
Lesson Finished: ____

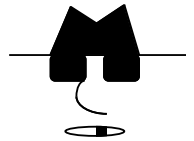
Name: _____

Comprehension Exercise
Lesson #8
The Church

I. Cram the Memorization into your brain

- A. Write (or type) the memory work out
- B. Say it out loud
- C. Erase or white out one word
- D. Go back to step B, and repeat until the whole thing is gone
- E. Do something else for 10+ minutes
- F. Say it to yourself to make sure you know it
- G. Review before Confirmation class or Sunday School. I will be available 10 minutes before class Wednesday to hear recitations or to watch you write it.

II. Did you do a Secret Service yet this month? If not, plan one now!



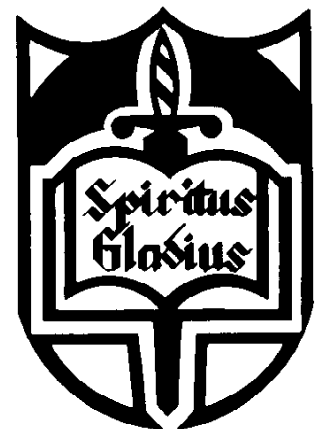
III. Defining Terms

Define the following terms from the memorization:

- A. foundation
- B. apostles
- C. prophets
- D. cornerstone.

IV. Unsheathe Your Sword!

- A. Read Matthew 22:2-14
- B. What does the wedding banquet represent?
- C. What do those who didn't come represent?
- D. Who are the people on the highway who were invited?
- E. How do you get a "wedding garment"?



V. Getting the details

- A. Who are members of *the* Christian Church?

B. What does catholic mean?

C. Can Lutherans be catholic?

D. Can Lutherans be Roman Catholic?

E. What is the most important reason to join a church/congregation?

VI. Tying it in

God's Word is like a spider web. All the parts are connected and depend on each other and are related.

A. Compare the 3rd article (specifically the teachings on the church) & the Lord's Supper.

1. Name 2 things they have in common, and be specific.

a)

b)

2. How is this *wrong* teaching dangerous to the soul¹:

"Hence they could not be saved who, knowing that the [Roman] Catholic Church was founded as necessary by God through Christ, would refuse either to enter it or to remain in it." (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, p. 224) (ie. If you're not a member of the Roman Catholic Church, you're going to hell.)

VII. What's the Point?

A. Imagine yourself in this situation. Given what you've learned from this lesson, how can you respond?

A friend asks you, "Why do you go to church?"

B. What could you say?

¹Hint: Figure out how this would negate "Jesus, true God & true man, took my place on the cross so I can live forever with Him in the heaven & new creation, and I am saved 100% because of what *He* has done for *me*."