

## Thought and Discussion Questions for Churches in the Shape of Scripture Preface and Chapter 1: New Testament-Shaped Churches

Why do you think doctrine has been downplayed in American churches? Is that good or bad? What should we do in regard to this trend?

How would you answer the question, “Could you tell me something about the Church of Christ?”? How would you describe the difference between the Church of Christ and a denominational church?

What characteristics does Dan point to as defining an “evangelical” church? In which of those areas are we like an evangelical church? In what ways are we distinct from evangelical churches?

What does Dan explain that “different doesn’t mean”?

How did the reformation movement fall short?

What are the 2 examples he gives of restoration from the Old Testament?

How important are patterns in our desire to follow God?

How is the church of Christ non-denominational? How is the church of Christ different from other churches that call themselves non-denominational?

