

BELIEFS

WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE
AND WHY IT MATTERS

Small Group Series | Week Six

1. Ephesians 1:22–23 calls the Church the Body of Christ, and Ephesians 2:22 says we are a dwelling place for God through the Spirit. What does it mean that the Church is a people, not simply a building or a Sunday service? How should that change the way we think about the Church?
2. Jesus commanded the Church to “go” and make disciples of all nations. Why is reaching people and making disciples such a central part of the Church’s mission? What happens when a church becomes more focused on those inside the church than those who are still far from God?
3. Why is it important for Christians to worship together rather than only worship God individually? What does corporate worship accomplish in the life of the Church?
4. Ephesians 4:11–16 teaches that the Church is meant to equip believers and help them become mature in Christ. What does a healthy, growing Church look like? How can a church help people move from being new believers to mature believers who can help others grow?
5. Why is it important for the Church to demonstrate the Gospel through both what we say and what we do? What can happen when the Church preaches about God’s love but doesn’t demonstrate God’s love?
6. How does the Holy Spirit help Christians accomplish the mission of Jesus? What does the Holy Spirit empower the Church to do?
7. The Bible describes the Church as a body with many different members, gifts, and functions. What do you think happens to a church when only a small percentage of people do the work of ministry? What happens when every believer understands, “I have a role to play in the mission of the Church” and does their part?
8. We don’t just go to church—we are the Church. If the mission of the Church is to reach people, worship God, make disciples, show God’s love, and live empowered by the Holy Spirit, what would happen in your life and our church if every believer fully embraced that mission?