



START

Small Group Discussion

What would you say to a friend who tells you that they don't have to go to church to be a Christian because Jesus lives in them...so they are the church. Plus, aren't all churches corrupted and hypocrites? Is the church really all that important for Christians today with all the books, podcasts, worship music, and tv shows, that they can grow from?

FINISH

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What is one thing that God spoke to you about today from the lesson that really stuck out to you?

Pray together as a small group.

Part 10: (Ephesians 3:21) DOCTRINE OF THE CHURCH

Views: Beliefs about the Church

Dispensational: Israel and the Church r separate.

Covenant : Israel and the Church r the same.

Christocentrism: Israel and the Church r in Christ

Identity: WHO the Church is

The church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who commit themselves to worship Christ and reflect Him by having pastors, deacons, serving members, baptisms, the Lord's Supper, and church discipline.

Purpose: WHAT the Church does

The church is known for 6 things biblically and historically: worship, discipleship, evangelism, fellowship, ministry, and prayer. (Acts 2:42-47)

You: How to apply the Church

1. Actively attend your church (Heb 10:25)
2. Actively serve in your church (Eph 4:12)
3. Actively seek a Christ-honoring church when you are without one. (1 John 2:19)

