

I Believe... The Nature of the Church - 3 January 23, 2022

I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? Ephesians 4:11-16

The church is where the individual believer <u>belongs</u> and <u>grows</u>. The local leadership should have some common <u>goals</u> as they <u>develop</u> those in their <u>sphere</u> of leadership.

- II. 10 GOALS FOR LEADERSHIP IN THE LOCAL CHURCH
 - 1. <u>Develop</u> the individual believer.
 - 2. Help the believer to be <u>productive</u>.
 - 3. Use <u>synergy</u> to promote vine growth.
 - 4. Promote <u>unity</u> to sustain the vine growth.

- 5. Promote <u>knowledge</u> of and <u>submission</u> to Jesus.
- 6. Promote the <u>maturity</u> and <u>stability</u> of the individual believer.
- 7. Believers should be:
 - a. Honest to God
 - b. Honest to Self
 - c. Honest to Others
- 8. Every believer should <u>fit</u> into the local <u>Body.</u>
- 9. Every believer should <u>give to</u> and <u>receive</u> <u>from</u> the body.
- 10. Teach the <u>body</u> to care for itself.