

# I Believe...

## The Nature of the Church

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### I. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

The church, the Body of Christ, is the primary mechanism for establishing the Kingdom of God in the Earth. It is through the church that we progress to maturity.

### II. THE NATURE OF THE CHURCH

A. It is an organism, not an organization.

B. The organization supports the organism.

C. God grows the organism; we build the organization.

**D. Individual Christians progress toward maturity through our connection with the vine, not the trellis.**

### **III. 5 AREAS OF PERSONAL PROGRESS**

**A. Spiritual Progress**

**B. Physical progress**

**C. Mental/emotional progress**

**D. Relational progress**

**E. Professional/financial progress**