



Life Group Guide

A GUIDE FOR LIFE GROUPS, FAMILIES OR INDIVIDUAL STUDY



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THE CHRISTIAN FAITH | SESSION 16

CHAPTER 16: THE CHURCH

READING & RESOURCES

Read before Life Group

- Kolb - Chapter 16 "The Church"

Read at Life Group

- Scripture Readings: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13:13; Hebrews 10:1-25

Watch Video

STUDY QUESTIONS

1. If someone were to ask you, "what is the church?" what would you say?
2. As a baptized believer, you are part of the priesthood of all believers. What does that mean to you? What should priests be doing?
3. How is the church normally seen? An optional activity? A country club to join? Something to serve you? Someplace you are to serve? Something else? What should the church be seen as?
4. What parts of worship look forward to our time on the New Earth after the return of Jesus?
5. How does the Body of Christ analogy from scripture (1 Corinthians 12) shed light on how a church should operate?
6. In our sinful human world, divisions are a regular occurrence. What things would have to happen for church discipline to be enacted? What is your role in keeping the church unified?
7. Is there something that your local church does that you question? Who can you ask about that?
8. The Holy Spirit has specific things for you as a missionary and a part of the local church. What do you believe it is? What activities should you be about week to week?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

LIFE APPLICATION

In the video, Tara and Maria practiced confession and absolution. Do the following challenge. With just one other person in your group go off by yourselves and work through the exercise.

Or, here is an even simpler format:

Confession and Absolution

Confess a specific sin to each other. Now each of you should pronounce the forgiveness of Jesus Christ to each other by saying something like; "By his blood on the cross, Jesus Christ has forgiven your sin of _____ . By his grace, you have been healed."

Then close in prayer by praying 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it." Amen.