

**FAITH - LIFE Group Evangelism Training Level 2**  
**Session 11 ~ Connecting People to a Church**

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1. Some have no history with the church.
2. Some see the church as irrelevant.
3. Some had negative experiences at church.

A church is a community of believers in Jesus Christ who seek to glorify God and minister in Jesus' name.

In the New Testament the word *church* may refer to a local congregation under the lordship of Christ or to the universal church Christ said He would establish.

1. The church is the body of Christ.  
As the Head of the church, Christ gives purpose and unity to the church body.

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Each church member has a purpose in the body and plays an important role.

Members of the body of Christ are interdependent.

2. The church is the people of God.

Because we belong to God, we are to reflect His character to the world and carry out His purposes in the world.

3. The church is God's family.

God is our Father, and we are His children.

4. The church is the bride of Christ.

At the end of time, there will be a marriage feast for Christ and the church, when we will be united with Him forever.

5. The church is an expression of the kingdom of God.  
The kingdom is the rule of Christ in the hearts of people.

Church members recognize Jesus as King, and they are His subjects.

**What Does the Church Do?**

1. The church carries out evangelism.
2. The church carries out discipleship.

3. The church enjoys Christian fellowship.
4. The church ministers.
5. The church worships.

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Organizing a church into small groups makes it possible to meet the needs of each church member more effectively.

### 1. Leading the lost to Christ

As members of a class or group develop relationships with lost people, the lost see the way God makes a difference in a believer's everyday life.

Leading the lost to Christ also involves exposing them to the truths of Scripture.

### 2. Building believers

As we study the Bible, we should be encouraged to put into practice the things we are learning.

Being in a Bible study group also provides a means to hold one another accountable for living the Christian life.

We learn from one another as we share what God is teaching us and how we are seeking to live those truths in our daily lives.

### 3. Engaging believers in Kingdom work

Evangelism, discipleship, ministry, fellowship, prayer, and worship are done best in small groups.