



Spiritual Boot Camp

Lesson Three: The Church

Discipler Guide



Memory Verse: *1 Corinthians 12:27*

One of the greatest needs of the human heart is relationship. When you became a child of God, you became a member of God's family, the Church. The Church is not a place of worship (building) or a meeting that you attend. The Church is a gathered group of God followers who have fully submitted to His Son, Jesus Christ, and believe that God raised Him from the dead. We were created for this kind of community! We all need God, and we were created to glorify Him by finding our purpose in His Church, learning to utilize the gifts and experiences that He has given each of us uniquely to live together in community worshiping Him and edifying one another. Jesus and His Church are inseparable. In fact, the Bible calls the Church 'the Body of Christ,' because Jesus has given His Spirit, which indwells the Body of Believers known as His Church.

Key Truth: *The Church is the People of God, grounded in the Word of God, filled with the Spirit of God, joining in the mission of God for the Glory of God!*

Recognize the difference of the "me" versus the "we" as God designed the Body of Christ. Talk openly about the disciple's perspective on "church" and past experiences in the church. Keep in mind there may be past hurts or concerns with their past church experiences. Encourage the disciple to commit to turn away from individualism and align their life with the mission of the Body of Christ. Use the Bible to shape their new perspective on life and the Church instead of relying upon past experiences, tradition, or themselves.

***Cover the Mission of the Body of Christ: Love God, Love Others, and Go and make disciples of all nations. Walk through the Body of Christ Commands and describe how they are representative of the many "one anothers" in scripture God calls us to live out our faith and His love in action. Using our unique God given shape and gifts for the building up of the Church.

Key Illustrations:

1. *Canvas / Body of Christ bookmark*
2. [New Testament Church Chart](#) – (**Email a link to this chart mid week**)

Review the Action Steps from last week and how they did with them.

Take time to walk through personal Action Steps for the week:

- **Share Your Story (Testimony) and God's Story (One Verse Evangelism) with your leader** and pray for an opportunity to share with someone else this week. Share Pray/Obey and Care/Share strategy for reaching others for Christ.
- **Seek** to connect and fulfill the mission of the Body of Christ by engaging in a Life group.
- **Go to** our [Missions Website](#) for opportunities to serve through the Body at CrossBridge.
- **The tithe** is 10 percent of your income and the first place to start giving back to the Lord the resources He has given you. See *Malachi 3:10* for God's call and the blessings that follow.