

GROUP NOTES

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The Church

- WELCOME

What has been positive about the past week? Any good news? What are you thankful for? Have you got a testimony of what God has done?

- What is the first thing you think about when you hear the word “church?”
- Share some of your earliest experiences of church. What was positive and negative for you?

We are the church

Ephesians 2:19-22 So you are no longer strangers and outsiders. You are citizens together with God's people. You are members of God's family. (20) You are a building that is built on the apostles and prophets. They are the foundation. Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in the building. (21) The whole building is held together by him. It rises to become a holy temple because it belongs to the Lord. (22) And because you belong to him, you too are being built together. You are being made into a house where God lives through his Spirit.

The Bible describes us (the church) as a family, a body and an army.

- Read through the following scriptures:

WE ARE A FAMILY - Ephesians 2:19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household.

WE ARE A BODY - 1 Corinthians 12:27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

WE ARE AN ARMY - Ephesians 6:12-13 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

1) We are spiritual family. What do you think are some of our responsibilities towards each other?

2) We are a body. What are some of your gifts and talents with which you can be a blessing to the church and the community?

3) We are in a spiritual battle for the lives of people. Where/how do you think God wants to use you in this battle?

- Pray for each other, friends and family