

HERE I STAND

7 MUST-BELIEVES FOR CHRISTIANS

The church is the community of God's people redeemed by Jesus and on mission in the world

Have you ever thought deeply about what the church is?

Why can focusing only on what the church does lead us to the wrong conclusion about what Jesus loves?

Dig In!

The church is a family (2 Corinthians 6:18):

- How does seeing ourselves as spiritual brothers and sisters reshape your view of difficult relationships with other believers?

The church is a temple (1 Peter 2:4-8):

- What sacrifices are required of today's Christians?
- In the coming week, how will you lay down your life as an offering to God?

The church is a body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27):

- What is your current sense of the role you're meant to play within the body of Christ?
- Financial gifts aside, how else will you contribute personally to the body in the coming weeks?

The church is a vine (John 15:5):

- Strictly speaking, the church is the branch on the vine that needs to stay connected to produce fruit. So, how do you ensure that you are staying attached to Christ?

The church is a bride (2 Corinthians 11:2-4)

- What is a bride supposed to spend her time doing before the ceremony?
- How does your devotion to Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the gospel shine through in your life?

Break Out

What's your true attitude toward the church, both local and universal? Are you able to say you love what Jesus loves?

Pray as group that together you could become a greater reflection of what Jesus called us to be.