

# What we Hold to be True

## STUDY NOTES

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Article #7 The Church

- 1 **HEAD (What We Learn or Believe)**  
How does Scripture define the church as more than a building or event? What does it mean to be the “visible and tangible” expression of the gospel?  
Ephesians 4:11–15; Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 12:15  
How do these passages challenge or affirm your understanding of the church?
- 2 Why is it significant that the church is described as a body, not just an organization? How does this shape your view of membership and ministry?  
1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Colossians 3:15  
What is lost when we treat church like a club instead of a community?
- 3 What are the ordinances of baptism and the Lord’s Supper meant to teach us about the gospel?  
Matthew 28:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26  
How do these visible acts point to the work of Christ?
- 4 Why is it important to serve in the church from a heart of devotion rather than drudgery or mere duty?  
1 Peter 4:10–11; Mark 10:45; Ephesians 4:7  
What happens when our motives for serving shift away from Christ?
- 5 **HANDS (What We Do or Practice)**  
In what ways are you currently using your spiritual gifts to serve the body of Christ? How do you discern where God wants you to serve?  
Romans 12:6–8; 1 Corinthians 12:4–7  
Have you ever asked others what gifts they see in you?
- 6 What would change if you viewed your service in the church not as an obligation but as an act of worship and joy?  
Colossians 3:23–24; Romans 12:1  
Where do you sense God calling you to serve joyfully?
- 7 **FEET (Where We Go or How We Live It Out)**  
How is God calling you to live out the gospel through your local church, both in how you serve and how you relate to others?  
Ephesians 4:12–16; Galatians 6:2  
How can your life reflect Christ’s body in action?
- 8 When was the last time your service in the church deepened your faith or allowed you to see God’s presence in a fresh way?  
John 13:12–17; Philippians 2:1–8  
What steps can you take to serve with Christ-like humility and purpose?

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