



“The Church”  
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## Talk It Over

The Story of Reality-Finale  
(Week 2)  
“The Church”

- I. How we become MEMBERS of God’s HOUSEHOLD
  
- II. Jesus called us “my CHURCH”
  
- III. We are MEMBERS of his BODY
  
- IV. We are DEEPLY and DEVOTEDLY LOVED!!

### SMALL TALK

1. Did you grow up in church? What kind? What did you like about it? What did you not like about it?

### VIEWPOINT

2. **READ Ephesians 3:1-21.** What does this section teach about the church?
  - What was the mystery now revealed in 3:2-6?
  - What mystery about the church is revealed in 3:9-11?
  - What other name is used to describe the church in 3:14-15? Compare this with 2:18-19; which terms used in this passage mean the same thing?
  - From the description in 3:16-21, can you show how the church is not a fizzled failure but God’s powerful finale?
3. **READ Ephesians 4:1-7.** What does this section teach about the church?

### GETTING PERSONAL

4. How hard is it for you to see that Jesus is building in our church his Spirit filled, grace filled, supernaturally empowered community to help each of us love God and help others also to know and love God?
5. When you see deficiencies “in the church”, what steps can you take to see beyond the brokenness, to see Christ working through his church?

### MAKING PROGRESS (THIS WEEK)

6. How engaged are you in the church? Based on this study, are you missing any of the descriptions or experiences described? If so, what can you do about it?

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