

sessions at a glance

growing in
Christ's church

UNIT 1: the church

	Question	Answer	Scripture
1	What is the church?	The church is people: chosen, redeemed, and sealed for the praise and glory of God.	Ephesians 1:1-14
2	How does God describe his church?	Through word pictures, God describes many facets of the church and her union to Christ.	1 Pet. 2:9-10; Eph. 2:19-22; Ex. 19:5 (Deut. 7:6); Matt. 5:13-16; 1 Cor. 12:12-18, 27; 2 Cor. 5:17; John 15:1-5; Rom. 8:14-17; 1 Tim. 3:15; Phil. 2:5-8; Rev. 19:6-9

UNIT 2: the people of God

3	Why are there hypocrites in the church?	Sin is a reality in the church, but God is at work sanctifying his people.	Selections from 1 Corinthians: 1:1-16; 5; 6:1-8; 10:1-13; 11:17-22, 27-34; 15:12-22
4	How should we respond to sin in the church?	Jesus gave the church a process to deal with sin.	Matt. 18:12-17; Deut. 19:15-16; Gal. 6:1-2; Matt. 7:3-5
5	What should we do when we're tempted to leave the church?	Listen to God's Word. Jesus doesn't give up on the church, and neither should we.	Revelation 2-3

UNIT 3: the body of Christ

6	I'm not the pastor, so am I important in the church?	Yes, God placed me and each believer as an important and necessary member in Christ's body, the church.	1 Corinthians 12:12-27; John 14:15-21
7	"One-anothering"—what's that?	It's caring for "one another" in the church like Christ has shown care for me.	Various "one another" passages

UNIT 4: the fellowship of the Spirit

8	How can U put the U back in Unity?	As believers, we continue to grow closer to Christ and to each other as we walk by the Spirit and display the fruit of the Spirit.	Ephesians 4:1-6; Acts 15:1-35; Galatians 5:16-26
9	Do I have a spiritual gift? Am I gifted?	The Holy Spirit gives a gift to every believer and empowers him or her to use it to serve and build up the church.	1 Corinthians 12; Ephesians 4:7-16; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Peter 4:9-11

UNIT 5: disciples in the making

10	What are Christ's three C's?	In the Great Commission, Christ makes a CLAIM, gives a COMMAND, and COMFORTS his disciples.	Matthew 28:18-20; Matthew 4:18-22
11	What is God's welfare plan for the body of Christ?	God has given us the best gift, the indescribable gift of his Son, Jesus. In gratitude, we are to give generously and cheerfully to meet the needs of other Christians.	2 Corinthians 8:1-15; 2 Corinthians 9; Romans 15:25-28
12	We're in a war? Who is our enemy and how do we fight him?	Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are to fight against the temptations of our enemy, Satan, by putting on the whole armor of God, praying, and persevering.	Ephesians 6:10-20 and selected passages
13	How do our stories fit into God's bigger story and plan?	Stories such as Paul's from the Bible, and mine, fit into God's bigger story to save a people for himself—the church—through Christ our Redeemer.	Acts 9:1-31 (7:58-59; 8:1)