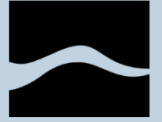


SERMON NOTES

FAITH TO EMBRACE THE CHURCH

Ephesians 2:14-22



BIG IDEA: Endurance will require faith to embrace a biblical vision for the local church.

APPLICATION GUIDE

November 21, 2021

DISCUSS

What comes to mind when you think about the church? How would you describe it?

How does a biblical vision for the church differ from the world's understanding?

What other images does the New Testament use to describe the church?

- Ephesians 5:31-32; Revelation 21:9
- 1 Peter 5:1-2; John 10:11-15
- John 15:1-5

APPLY

Which of the metaphors for the church do you find most helpful? Explain why.

What steps can you take to make your commitment to the local church a greater priority?

How can you keep Jesus and God's glory at the center of your commitment to the church?

What time, talents, resources, or relationship can I give to serve the people of Christ's church?

COMMIT

Identify someone in the church you can pray for this week. Send them a note and ask them how you can intercede for them. Then follow through to see how God answered.