

"The Church is Indispensable!" Small Group Questions For the week of March 20, 2022

Icebreaker:

Individually--choose any one of the following to answer: What is one thing you do to stay in shape? What most keeps you from being in shape? What was the most unexpected thing to happen at your wedding? What did you love most about a groom or a bride?

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think the Church is likened to a body?

Take time to read 1 Corinthians 12:12-30, Romans 12:1-9, and Ephesians 4:1-16. What are some things that stand out to you?

2. Take Ephesians 4:7-16 and put it in the negative...what would the church look like if each part *didn't* do its part?

Describe what this would look like in a church today.

- 3. What are some other passages you can think of that stress our being united, or how critical we are to one another?
- 4. What are some ways people make the church about themselves?

How do we keep ourselves from doing this?

5. Does it seem surprising to you that the Church would be likened to the Bride of Christ? If yes, how?

If no, why?

6. Would you consider the church to be indispensable? How does this play out in your life?

**a note of clarification — when "church" is spelled with a lower case "c" it refers to the local church. When it is capitalized it refers to the Church universal, the Church of Christ throughout the world.