

25 TRAINING OBJECTIVES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

7. The Church

- *Truth to Teach:* When we place our faith in Christ, we become a part of God's family. We are children of God and we belong to God's household, which the Bible calls the church. Our involvement in the church, therefore, is extremely important in our Christian lives.

- *Scriptures:*

Ephesians 2:19-22 > What three things do believers become in this Passage?

Is there a significance to the order they are listed? What does it mean to be "built, joined or fitted" together? What are we to be as a body of believers?

Ephesians 5:25-28 > Who is the bride of Christ? How is the bride of Christ described?

By what means does the Bride come to this state? If Christ views His Bride (the church) in such a light how should we view it?

Hebrews 10:23-35 > What are we to do as the church for our fellow believers?

Is it important for us to be involved in a church? Why or why not (based on this passage)

1 Peter 5:2-4 > To whom has God entrusted his church? What does He expect of them? How does this passage apply to us as believers?

- *Application:* Be faithfully involved in your local church.
- *Activities:* Come to church, if not this one, find one you can attend on a regular basis. Invite at least one person to come with you to church. Offer to give them a ride.
- *Practice:* What service can you offer another church member to help build up the body of Christ?

In the days ahead, what can you do to help outsiders feel welcome in your church?

If you struggle with your church, try talking with a church staff member about those struggles, and spend time in prayer about it with them.