

Session 7: The Nature of the Church

(First Pause)

Answer the following question:

What is church?

(Second Pause)

Read Ephesians 2:11-22

What metaphors does Paul use to describe the church?

(Third Pause)

Read Ephesians 2:20-22

What characteristics of a building are applied to the church in this passage?

(Fourth Pause)

Read Ephesians 2:22

What is the purpose of the Church?

(Final Section)

Read 1 Corinthians 12:11-30 and Ephesians 4:15-16

“I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* Church, the communion of saints.”

– The Apostle’s Creed

“We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.”

– The Nicene Creed

*The word catholic refers to the universal church, not the Roman Catholic church.

How does the existence of one universal church/body of Christ change the way you view your church. What about other churches/denominations?

Therefore, how should we treat those from other biblical churches/denominations?

How have you seen aspects of what we’ve discussed in your own church?

Where could your church improve? Could you help it to do so?

How should this reflect in your attitude to and behaviour at church?