



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. What are some of your fun memories about church? What do you enjoy most about church?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Ephesians chapter four. As you read it, what does it say about the church? Share insights you have that God gives you. TAKE YOUR TIME as you read it.
3. Is church essential for someone to be a Christian?
4. Can someone be a "good Christian" and not go to church?
5. Is it possible to grow spiritually mature without committing to a church?
6. Have you ever committed to a church longer than 10 consecutive years? What was that experience like? What was difficult?
7. Is serving (using your gifts and strengths) in a church essential to be a Christian? Why or why not?



8. Have you committed wholeheartedly to ThornCreek Church? Why or why not?

9. In light of COVID, what predictions do you have about the future church?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- "We're not trying to get back to normal, we're trying to get back to the supernatural." - Mark Batterson
- "If you claim to be a follower of Christ, I encourage you to consider your present commitment to a local church." - David Platt
- "We're not doing people any favors by pretending they are the center of the universe. Either people will be awed by the sacred or they will not. If the sacred is not enough, then it is clear that the Spirit has not done a work in their lives." - Francis Chan
- "Jesus is the hope of the world and the local church is the vehicle of expressing that hope to the world." - Andy Stanley