



## BELIEVE STUDY GUIDE

### WEEK 6 (4/22): THE CHURCH

#### Personal Study

This study guide should be used the week following the sermon it supplements. The study guide will closely follow Randy Frazee's book, "Believe: Living the Story of the Bible to Become Like Jesus." You can purchase a copy of the book online at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com) or get a copy from Mardel's bookstore. There are also "Believe" reading schedule for each chapter on the "Believe" bulletin board in the foyer. This study guide is designed to help you consider what you are learning.

**Key Verse:** "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." (Ephesians 4:15–16)

**Key Idea:** I believe the church is God's primary way to accomplish his purposes on earth today.

#### Read

Read Believe, Chapter 6: The Church *and answer the following questions.*

1. What patterns do you observe in these Scriptures?
2. What did you read that encouraged you? Spoke to you? Confronted you? Motivated you?
3. From the moment Adam and Eve defied God in the Garden of Eden, he has been on a mission to restore the community that was broken. What role does the church play in this mission? In what ways can you support the divine calling of the church?
4. Although the message of the church is good news, many do not respond positively to it. Why do you think that is the case?
5. In what ways is the current-day church representing Christ well? In what ways must it improve?

