

Session #1: WHO Should Be Committed to the Local Church
Session #2: WHY We Should Be Committed to the Local Church
Session #3-#4: HOW We Should Be Committed to the Local Church

Session #1: WHO Should Be Committed to the Local Church The 1 John A.L.I.V.E. Test

A	Sin (1 Jn. 1:8-2:2)
L 4:16-5:2)	God and His People (1 Jn. 2:15-17; 4:7-12; cf. 2:7-11; 3:10-20
I	Witness of the Holy Spirit (1 Jn. 4:13; cf. 3:24; 5:10)

V	of Christ and the Gospel is True (1 Jn. 4:14-15; cf. 1:1-4; 2:18-
27; 4:1-6; 5:1, 6-	13, 20-21)

E_____ Faith and Obedience (1 Jn. 3:2-10; cf. 1:6-7; 2:3-6, 19, 29; 5:2-5, 13)

Session #2: WHY We Should Be Committed to the Local Church Seven Biblical Reasons

1)	a) Calls for more than mer	
	b) Calls for more than mer	e church attendance
	c) Calls for more than a me	ere casual commitment
2)	God's P Jam. 5:14)	_ (Heb. 13:17; cf. 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Pet. 5:5;

3)	God's P	of Church Discipline (Matt. 18:15-17)
4)	God's P	of the Early Church (Acts 2:41-47; 5:12-14)
		dded to a local church (Acts 2:41-47)
	b) To be saved was to be jo	oined to a local church (Acts 5:12-14)
5)	God's P	_ Plan for the Church (Eph. 1)
6)	God's P	of the Church (Eph. 1-3)
7)	God's P	for the Local Church (Eph. 4:1-16)
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Session #3-#4: HOW We	Should Be	Committed	to the	Local C	Church
	Ephesians	4:1-16			

l.	The	CAL	L of Christ's Blueprint for His Church (Eph. 4:1)
II.	The A.		RACTER for Christ's Blueprint for His Church (Eph. 4:2-6) Necessary Character Qualities (Eph. 4:2-3) They are effective
		2)	They are insightful
		3)	They are corrective
	В.	The	Necessary Creed (Eph. 4:4-6) They all pertain to essential gospel-truths

			necessary character qualities
II.	The A.		NTRIBUTION toward Christ's Blueprint for His Church (Eph. 4:7-16) ist's Provision to Build Up His Church (Eph. 4:7) It's an unquestionable gift
		2)	It's an unmerited gift
		3)	It's a unique gift
	В.	Chr	ist's Motivation to Build Up His Church (Eph. 4:8-10)

2) They are intended to provide the biblical balance to the

C.	Christ's Plan to Build Up His Church (Eph. 4:11-16)					
	1)	The Purpose (Eph. 4:11-12):				
		a)	Who are to do the primary equipping?			
		b)	What are they to equip with?			
		c)	Who are they to equip?			
		d)	What are they to equip for?			
		e)	What are you to expect when you come to church?			
		f)	What is to remain the main thing?			
	2)	The	Goal (Eph. 4:13-14)			
		a)	To produce spiritual maturity (v. 13)			
			i) The corporate dimension:			
			ii) The doctrinal dimension:			
			iii) The moral dimension:			

	b)	To prevent spiritual vulnerability (v. 14)
3)	The	e Function (Eph. 4:15-16)
·	a)	By biblical words in love (v. 15)
	b)	By biblical works in love (v. 16)
		i) As dependent channels
		ii) As inter-dependent connections
		iii) As dependable parts