

Church (Re)Commitment Guide

Small Group Study Edition

Purpose of This Study: This study is designed to help believers move from evaluating church as an experience to embracing church as a shared calling. The goal is not agreement on preferences, but clarity about faithfulness, responsibility, and long-term obedience.

Each session is meant to last 45–60 minutes and includes Scripture, guided discussion, and a commitment focus.

How to Use This Study

- Groups should commit to attending every session
- Encourage honesty, not performance
- Leaders should model humility and participation, not control
- This study assumes prayer, Scripture reading, and reflection between meetings

A Shared Work of Renewal

The church does not grow healthier by accident. Nor does it become faithful through efficiency, innovation, or momentum alone. Scripture shows that God forms His people from the inside out, shaping hearts before He entrusts greater responsibility.

This resource exists to help a church slow down and realign. As believers give renewed attention to Scripture, prayer, and shared obedience, something changes beneath the surface. Faith becomes steadier. Relationships become stronger. Service becomes an expression of love rather than duty.

True impact does not begin with execution. It begins with devotion. Churches that do meaningful work in the world are first shaped in humility, patience, and faithfulness. When hearts are formed together, action follows naturally and fruit endures longer.

This study invites a congregation to move together toward that kind of faithfulness.

Opening Prayer

God, we come before You aware of our need for Your guidance, grace, and encouragement. Shape our hearts before our actions, and draw us closer to You as we learn to walk faithfully with one another. Teach us to listen to Your Word with humility and respond with obedience. May this time lead us toward deeper love, unity, and service for Your glory.

Session 1: What the Church Is (And Is Not)

Key Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12–27; Ephesians 2:19–22

Core Teaching: The church is not a service provider, weekly event, or personal platform. Scripture describes the church as a body and a household, formed by God for shared life and shared mission. Detachment weakens both the individual and the body.

Discussion Questions

1. When you hear the word “church,” what emotions or assumptions come to mind?

2. How does Scripture’s description of the church challenge modern expectations?

3. What changes when we see ourselves as members of a body rather than attendees?

4. Where have you personally treated church more like a product than a calling?
