



Living Faithfully Together Under Christ Until His Kingdom Is Fully Revealed

SESSION AIM

Help teachers and group leaders explain how the church should live in the present age, how worship, holiness, mission, and covenant life fit together, and how believers persevere together in hope until Christ returns.

BIG IDEA

The church lives between Christ's first coming and His return in glory. Until He comes, believers are called to worship faithfully, pursue holiness, strengthen one another, proclaim the Gospel, endure suffering, and live together as citizens of Christ's Kingdom with confident hope.

WHAT THIS SESSION BUILDS UPON

From Leader Sheets 1–16:

- The church belongs to Christ.
- Worship forms believers.
- Covenant life strengthens the body.
- The church bears witness to Christ's Kingdom.
- Holiness, mission, and perseverance matter.
- Christ will return for His people.

This Session Expands:

- Faithful endurance.
- Perseverance together.
- Integrated church life.
- Living between promise and fulfillment.

FOUNDATIONAL SCRIPTURES

- Titus 2:11–14
- Hebrews 10:24–25
- Philippians 3:20–21
- 1 Corinthians 15:58
- Revelation 22:20


PRINCIPLE

The church belongs to Christ and lives in hope until He returns. We worship, grow, love, and serve together as His people until His Kingdom is fully revealed.



TEACHING FLOW: HOW TO USE THIS SHEET

1 BEGIN WITH THE PRESENT AGE OF THE CHURCH




USE THIS:
Titus 2:11–14
Articles
Visuals
Key Passages

- Christ reigns now.
- The church lives in expectation.
- Believers await the fulfillment of the Kingdom.

KEY EMPHASIS: The church lives between promise and fulfillment.

2 REVIEW THE CORE LIFE OF THE CHURCH




USE THIS:
The Gathered Church
Worship →
Formation →
Mission
Visuals
Examples

- Worship and prayer
- Fellowship and covenant life
- Ordinances and Scripture
- Discipleship and holiness
- Mission and service

KEY EMPHASIS: The church remains faithful together under Christ.

3 TEACH PERSEVERANCE AND ENDURANCE




USE THIS:
Hebrews 10:24–25
Articles
Stories
Examples

- Suffering and discouragement
- Temptation and spiritual drift
- Persecution and endurance
- Strengthening one another
- Running the race with patience

KEY EMPHASIS: Christ preserves His people.

4 CONNECT FUTURE HOPE TO PRESENT FAITHFULNESS




USE THIS:
Philippians 3:20–21
Revelation 20:1–6
Revelation 21–22
Visuals
Key Passages

- Resurrection hope
- Christ's return in glory
- Kingdom fulfillment
- Reigning with Christ forever

KEY EMPHASIS: Future hope strengthens present obedience.

5 ADDRESS MODERN DISTRACTIONS




USE THIS:
Discussion
Articles
Examples
Illustrations

- Entertainment Christianity
- Consumerism and comfort
- Fear-driven religion
- Political captivity
- Isolated spirituality
- Spiritual exhaustion

KEY EMPHASIS: The church must remain grounded in worship, truth, and covenant life.

6 APPLY PRACTICALLY




USE THIS:
Application Ideas
Handouts
Stories
Examples

- Gather faithfully with God's people.
- Persevere in worship and prayer.
- Pursue holiness and discipleship.
- Bear witness to the Gospel.
- Encourage and serve one another.
- Keep our eyes fixed on Christ's return.

KEY EMPHASIS: Live today as citizens of Christ's Kingdom until He comes.

KEY EMPHASES




CHRIST REIGNS OVER HIS CHURCH
The church belongs to Him and is under His lordship.



THE CHURCH LIVES IN HOPE
Believers await Christ's return with confidence.



WORSHIP, HOLINESS, AND MISSION BELONG TOGETHER
Faithful church life is integrated covenant life.



THE CHURCH PERSEVERES TOGETHER
Believers strengthen one another under Christ.



CHRIST WILL FULFILL HIS KINGDOM
The church lives in expectation of His victory and reign.

COMMON CONFUSIONS

- ✗ **"The church's mission changes with culture."**
Christ's mission remains constant.
- ✗ **"Faithfulness means fear and withdrawal."**
Biblical hope produces courage and perseverance.
- ✗ **"Church life is mainly institutional maintenance."**
The church exists for worship, discipleship, witness, and covenant life.
- ✗ **"Future hope removes present responsibility."**
Hope strengthens faithful obedience.
- ✗ **"Christians persevere alone."**
God strengthens His people through covenant life together.

RECOMMENDED VISUALS

- Worship → Formation → Mission
- Embassy of the Kingdom
- The Church and Future Hope
- The Gathered Church
- The Church Until He Comes



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1 What does it mean to live faithfully until Christ returns?
- 2 How does future hope strengthen present endurance?
- 3 Why must worship, holiness, and mission remain connected?
- 4 What modern distractions weaken church faithfulness?
- 5 How does covenant life help believers persevere?
- 6 What should characterize the church in the present age?

APPLICATION FOCUS

- ✓ Gather faithfully with God's people.
- ✓ Persevere in worship and prayer.
- ✓ Live visibly under Christ's reign.
- ✓ Encourage struggling believers.
- ✓ Remain steadfast in Gospel witness.

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray for perseverance and courage.
- Pray for faithfulness within the church.
- Pray for unity and holiness.
- Pray for longing for Christ's return.
- Pray for Christ to strengthen His people together.

