

# RC2

THE CHURCH EXPLORED  
YOUTH SERIES  
**12**

# 12. WHAT KIND OF CHURCH WILL WE BECOME?

*Building A Church That Reflects Jesus*



**BIG IDEA**

The church is shaped by the people who belong to it.

Jesus calls believers to help build a church marked by:

- truth
- love
- worship
- service
- faithfulness
- mission
- and Christlike community.

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

**Ephesians 4:15-16**

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**Additional Scriptures**

- Colossians 3:12-17
- Acts 2:42-47
- John 13:34-35
- Philippians 2:1-5

**MEMORY VERSE**

**John 13:35**

*“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”*

**MAIN QUESTION**

**What Kind Of Church Does Jesus Want Us To Become?**

Jesus desires a church that reflects **His character**.

The church should become a place marked by:

- love
- truth
- unity
- worship
- compassion
- holiness
- encouragement
- and faithful service.

Every believer helps shape **church culture**.

**ESTIMATED TIME**

**45 MINUTES**

**SESSION SNAPSHOT**

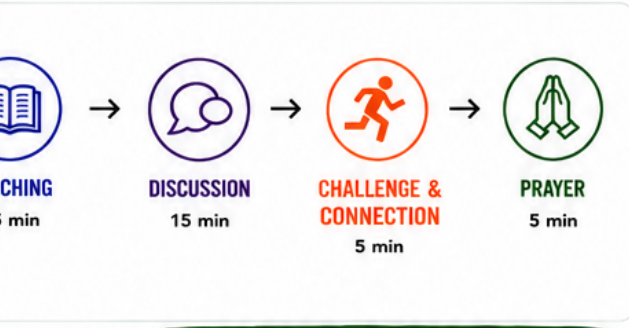
**OPENING ACTIVITY**  
10 min

**TEACHING**  
15 min

**DISCUSSION**  
15 min

**CHALLENGE & CONNECTION**  
5 min

**PRAYER**  
5 min



**SESSION GOALS**

By the end of this session, students should understand:

- The church should reflect Christ's character.
- Christians help shape church culture.
- Love and truth both matter deeply.
- Every believer contributes to church health.
- Jesus calls believers to unity and faithfulness.
- Students can help strengthen Christ's church now.

**1 LOVE AND TRUTH BOTH MATTER**

Healthy churches are:

- loving
- gracious
- honest
- and faithful to Scripture.

Truth without love becomes harsh.  
Love without truth becomes shallow.

Jesus calls believers to: **both.**

**2 EVERY BELIEVER CONTRIBUTES TO CHURCH HEALTH**

Churches become stronger when believers:

- encourage one another
- serve faithfully
- participate actively
- forgive quickly
- and pursue unity.

*Students already matter in Christ's church.*

**3 JESUS IS BUILDING HIS CHURCH**

The church does not ultimately belong to:

- personalities
- trends
- or culture.

It belongs to: **Jesus Christ.**

Believers are called to:

- follow Him
- reflect Him
- and help strengthen His people.

**THINK ABOUT IT**

- 1 What qualities make a church healthy and welcoming?
- 2 What kinds of things damage church community?
- 3 How can students positively influence church culture?
- 4 What kind of church should Christians help build together?

**WEEKLY CHALLENGE**

This week:

- ★ encourage someone at church, look for ways to strengthen unity,
- ★ serve faithfully,
- ★ and intentionally reflect Christ through kindness and truth.

Ask yourself:  
*“What kind of church am I helping build?”*

**PRAYER FOCUS**

Father, thank You for building Your church through Jesus Christ. Help us become people marked by truth, love, faithfulness, humility, and unity so that our church reflects Christ clearly to the world. In Jesus' name, amen.

**MEMORY VERSE**

**John 13:35**

*“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.”*

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED**

- ☑ Bible
- ☑ Leader Sheet
- ☑ Whiteboard or paper
- ☑ Markers

**LEADER TIP**

Model the kind of church you hope to see. Your attitude, words, and actions help shape the culture more than programs do.