

WEEK 1: GOD'S COMMITMENT TO THE CHURCH

Small Group Questions

- 1. We all have different experiences and history with the church. How would you describe your past relationship with the church? (Has it been a part of your past? What has been positive? Negative? What causes you to approach it with hesitancy or excitement?)
- 2. How do you feel about the future of the church in our current cultural climate? What concerns you and what gives you hope?
- 3. What would you say are some of the main reasons people have a difficult time committing to the church?
- 4. After Sunday's sermon, how are you feeling about what the next 12 weeks holds for Exchange?
- 5. God gives us the picture of the church being the Body of Christ. How does this image communicate his commitment to the church? (1 Cor 12:27)
 - Sermon points:
 - He is committed to diversity of parts, emphasizing value in each one
 - He is committed to our growth
 - He is committed to using us as part of something bigger than us
 - He is committed to putting himself on display
- 6. Would you consider signing up for the Prayer Training on September 9th? Take a look at the registration site and see if God opens up your calendar. (It's that good!)
- 7. God gives us the picture of the church being the Bride of Christ. How does this image communicate his commitment to the church?
- 8. How does God's commitment to the church challenge you in your commitment? How do you already sense the Lord challenging you in this series?