



church

WEEK FIVE: WE COMMIT

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What is “church”? As we continue through the book of Acts, we see people respond to the Holy Spirit. Last week, we saw how important it is that *we learn* the truth He has shown us and commit to continuing in that way. This week we saw how important it is that *we commit* to each other as the church.

Where Am I Today?

- 1) The church, the bride of Christ, can also be called a family. What happens to a family if all the people aren’t joined together in a commitment?

Into the Bible

- 2) **Read** Acts 2:42-47 where the community of the early church was just starting to develop. What did their commitment to one another involve?
- 3) In Cove 101, we learn that a Christian without a church family is an orphan. Belonging to a group of people who are committed to Jesus and committed to each other is vital for your spiritual life—and theirs! **Read** the following passages where commitment to one another is emphasized. How does this commitment show on a daily basis?
 - a. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12
 - b. Galatians 6:1-10



c. Hebrews 10:24-25

d. 1 John 3:11-24

e. Romans 12:15

How Does This Apply?

4) How can you commit to your Life Group? Your church?

5) What does it mean to have communion with God and with each other?

6) How does all of this help you grow?

Digging Deeper: Going Further on Your Own

7) The word translated as "fellowship" in most versions of the Bible (Acts 2:42) is *koinōnia*. It means way more than spending time together. It means partnership, participation, communion, distribution and fellowship. Keep this in mind as you read the following verses where Paul or John used the word *koinōnia*. How can you bring this to life in your family? In your Life Group? In The Cove Church?

1 Corinthians 1:9

2 Corinthians 8:4

Galatians 2:9

Ephesians 3:9

Philippians 1:5

Philippians 2:1

Philippians 3:10

1 John 1:3, 6-7