



## Week 1, Day 1:

*Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.*

**Ephesians 2:20-22**

If you were asked how you would define the word “church,” what would you say?

A place you go on Sundays? Worship? Hearing a message?

Most of the time, you’re talking about a building. You know, a bunch of chairs, a place for a speaker, maybe a steeple with a cross on top. But did you know there’s another way to use the word? It has a capital “C” and is actually quite important. If you’re talking about the “capital C” Church, you’re talking about, well, people!

The Church isn’t a building, or a program, or a ministry, or even a place. It’s a gathering of people who come together to worship a living God and to learn about and live out the teachings of Jesus.

Together, we are His house with Jesus at the center of it all. That is the Church. We’re going to spend the next few days learning more about the Church, and how we are called to be an active part of its role in the world around us.

### **PRAYER:**

God, thank you for the local church! Thank you for The Ridge CC, and allowing me to be a part of it. Throughout this week, I ask that you expand my understanding of Your Church and its role in the community around us. Guide me toward steps I can take to be a more active part of what you are doing through it!