

Being the Church

I. Defining the Church (Hint: It's not a place.)

A. The Universal church – All believers

- The body of Christ (Ephesians 1:23; 2:22; 3:6)
- All believers in Christ until Christ returns

B. Local Churches – Believers who function together

- Those in Christ's body meeting and relating
- Organized to do God's will in a local area

II. Being the Church (RBI-Reach, Build, Involve)

A. Reaching and Building – Make disciples everywhere (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Go, sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ
- Teaching them to do everything I command

B. Building and Involving – Serve each other and motivate each other to serve (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- Motivate each other to love and good deeds
- Meet regularly (for teaching, worship, and fellowship.)
- Find ways to encourage each other