



Discussion Guide for “The Holy Catholic Church” *Believe Week 10*

What does it mean to be a Church? Church isn't a building - it's the people of God, all over the world and across time. How do we be part of the Church? When we find our place as part of the universal, worldwide church it grounds us in how we can be a source of life and hope for our immediate community.

Scriptures for Further Reading

[Matthew 16:13-19](#)

[Revelation 7:9-10](#)

[1 Corinthians 12:27-31](#)

[Ephesians 1:19-23](#)

[Hebrews 10:23-25](#)

Passage for Sacred Reading:

A sacred reading is a method of reading Scripture that invites God to speak to us through the text. If you have never done a sacred reading, here is [a simple step-by-step guide](#). This week's passage is [Ephesians 1:3-23](#).

Questions for Discussion

1. The word 'catholic' means universal. What does it mean to say we believe the Church is 'universal'?
2. When you think of a church, do you think in terms of buildings or people? How does that shape your involvement at Catalyst?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31. As you think about your place at Catalyst, what do you see role as?
4. Who in your life is not a part of the Church (not Catalyst, but the universal church)? What would Catalyst look like if it created a space for them?
5. How can you create (or hold) some space for those outside the Church this week? What about for others inside the Church?