

*Core Seminars—Jump Start*  
**Class 5: Meeting with God's Family**



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**I. Introduction**

*Class Objective:*

What is the church?

Universal Church vs. Local Church

- The Universal Church is defined as...
  
- The Local Church is defined as...

**II. Meeting with God's Family: Characteristics of the Local Church**

**Acts 2:42-47**

◆ **Teaching of God's Word**

◆ **Committed Community of Believers (Acts 4:32-37)**

◆ **Christian Fellowship**

**CHBC Statement of Faith**

*We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by His laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word...*

◆ **Lord's Supper (Sacraments)**

**III. Why is Commitment to a Local Family of Believers Important for Christians?**

- ◆ It's commanded in Scripture  
Hebrews 10:25

◆ **Prayer**

- ◆ The local church is where the fruits of the Spirit and love for other Christians that evidence the reality of our salvation are most visibly cultivated and witnessed.
- ◆ Promotes spiritual growth and protects against sin  
Ephesians 4:11-14

◆ **Evident Power of the Spirit**

◆ **Conversions**

**Next Week:** Meeting the World