

# Chapter 2

## What a Church Is . . . and Isn't

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Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.  
Ephesians 5:25



1. Describe the interaction between Dever and his friend on pages 33-34. What kept his friend from joining the church? What truth from 1 Corinthians 12:27 was his friend forgetting?
2. According to chapter 2, the church is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_. Fill in the blanks. How does Capitol Hill Baptist Church use their welcome announcement to support this truth? (34-35)
3. Understanding the church is a people speaks to what a church is generally, but not what it *does* specifically. How does seeing the church as a family help us to understand what it does? What examples from family life relate to how we live together as a church? (35-36)
4. The church is not a place. It's also not a *statistic*. List 3 examples of unhealthy (unbiblical) thinking that result from treating the church like a statistic. Can you think of more? (37)
5. How do verses like Genesis 4:1-9 and Mark 3:32-35 support the idea of church as family? How has C3 been like family to you? What's one way we can grow together as a family?<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>“Does [C3] fail to meet your expectations in terms of what it does? If so, remember that this is a group of people who are still growing in grace. Love them. Serve them. Be patient with them. *Think of a family*” (36).