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CORE Seminars – Theology of the Church

Capitol Hill Baptist Church

**Introduction**

*Overview:*

1. *What is a Church?*
2. *The Keys: Church Membership*
3. *The Keys: Church Discipline*
4. *Ordinances: Baptism and the Lord’s Supper*
5. *Church Governance*
6. *Church Gathered & Scattered*

**What is a Church?**

*What a church is NOT:*

* *It’s not*
* *It’s not*

*Universal Church vs Local Church*

*Defining the Church:*

“*A local church is a group of Christians who regularly gather in Christ’s name to officially affirm and oversee one another’s membership in Jesus Christ and his kingdom through gospel preaching and gospel ordinances.”*

**The Church Displays the Image of God**

1. Creation
2. Fall
3. Israel
4. Christ
5. Church
6. Glory

*New Testament Pictures of the Church*

* A body (1 Corinthians 12:12-27)
* A family (1 Timothy 5:1-2)
* A flock of sheep (1 Peter 5:2)
* A house (1 Peter 2:5)
* A priesthood (1 Peter 2:9)

**Two Implications**

1. *The Church is the focal point of God’s plan to display His glory to the nations*
2. *The church is to be distinct from the world*

**Discussion…**