



# Study Guide

## GLUE – Session 5 – Church

### 1. What is Church?

God had come in the person of Jesus and somehow made humans spiritually clean so that God's presence could come and live in them.

Church is not a building, nor is it a bunch of people sitting in pews singing Victorian hymns on a Sunday morning!

**Q. When someone says *church* what do you think of?**

### 2. Remember the Temple?

- God's chosen community built a temple for the presence of God. (Father)
- Jesus was the living temple – he was God. (Son)
- Christians understand themselves individually and collectively as The Temple. This is a metaphor for somewhere where the presence of God lives. (Holy Spirit)

Well, now we can see that God is a community - Father, Son (Jesus) and Holy Spirit.

Pentecost – when the Holy Spirit first came.

First the Jewish believes then the whole world.

### 3. The Church in Uplyme

The church isn't a building or a style of worship.

The church is a movement of people filled with the Spirit of God who are called to redeem, restore and renew the world.

The church is a community called to use their God given creativity – under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit – to bring order out of chaos – in peoples lives, relationships and the environment.

And that is what Uplyme Church is about!

“Joining in with the mission of God”

**Q, Did you know Uplyme Church is a mission community?**