

BIBLICALLY RETHINKING THE CHURCH

SESSION PLAN AND SCHEDULE

ESTIMATED TIME FRAMES

- Each session should be scheduled for a minimum of one hour. Sessions should not go beyond 1 ½ hour.
- Sessions are scheduled for one per week so there is time for study and reflection.
- Since there are 26 sessions plan for at least 6 months to work through the material.

SESSION #1

Session #1A – Main Manual: *The Introduction*

Session #1B – Main Manual: *The Challenge of Change*

Session #1C – Main Manual: *The Focus on Scripture*

Session #1C – Supplement: *An Inductive Bible Study Guide*

SESSION #2

Session #2A – Main Manual: *The Essence of the Church*

Session #2A – Supplement: *The Essence of the Church*

Session #2B – Main Manual: *The Purpose of the Church*

Session #2B – Supplement: *The Purpose of the Church*

Session #3

Session #3 – Main Manual: *The Nature of the Church*

Session #3A – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*Believers Are the Church*)

Session #3B – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*The Church is a Body*)

Session #3C – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*The Church is a Community*)

Session #3D – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*The Church is Relational*)

Session #4

Session #4A – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*The Church is a Family*)

Session #4B – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*The Church is an Organism*)

Session #4C – Supplement: The Nature of the Church (*The Church is a Spiritual Entity*)

Session #5

Main Manual: *The Church Recognizes the Headship of Christ*

Supplement: *Rethinking Church Leadership and Governance*

Supplement: **Session #1 – The Headship of Jesus Christ**

Session #6

Supplement: **Session #2 – An Examination of Church Leaders**

Session #7

Supplement: **Session #3 – Membership & Decision-Making**

Session #8

Main Manual: *The Church Gathers for Fellowship and to Eat Together*

Supplement: *Rethinking the Lord's Supper*

Supplement: **Session #1 – The Introduction**

Session #9

Supplement: **Session #2 – Examining 1 Corinthians 10:15-22**

Session #10

Supplement: **Session #3 – Examining 1 Corinthians 11:17-34**

Supplement: **Addendum – Was the Last Supper a Passover Meal?**

Session #11

Supplement: **Session #4 – The Ramification & the Conclusion**

Session #12

Session #12A – *The Church Gathers for the Mutual Ministry of All Believers*

Session #12B – *The Church Gathers to Learn and Apply God's Word Together*

Session #13

Main Manual: *The Church Gathers to Sing Together*

Supplement: *Rethinking Music in the Church*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover the following sections:

- Session #13A – **The Introduction**
- Session #13B – **The Origin of Music**
- Session #13C – **The Purpose of Music**
- Session #13D – **Questions Concerning Music**

Session #14

Supplement: *Rethinking Music in the Church*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover the following sections:

- Session #14A – **Discerning Godly Music**
- Session #14B – **Addressing Tastes and Preferences**

Session #15

Session #15A – Main Manual: *The Church Gathers to Pray Together*

Session #15B – Main Manual: *The Church has Simple, Relational Gatherings*

Session #16

Main Manual: *The Church Provides Financially to Those in Need*

Supplement: *Rethinking the Tithe*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover **points 1 to 9.**

Session #17

Supplement: *Rethinking the Tithe*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover **points 10 to 18 and the conclusion.**

Session #18

Main Manual: *The Church is Committed to Relational Unity*

Supplement: *Making Peace with God, Yourself, and Others*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover the following sections:

- The Introduction
- Approach Peacemaking Perceptively
- Appendix #5 – How Christians Can Overcome Sin

Session #19

Supplement: *Making Peace with God, Yourself, and Others*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover the following sections:

- Section: Approach Peacemaking Privately
- Appendix #3 – Forgiveness, Conditional or Unconditional?
- Appendix #4 – A Biblical Examination of Regret, Remorse, and Repentance
- Section: Approach Peacemaking Persuasively

Session #20

Supplement: *Making Peace with God, Yourself, and Others*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is cover the following sections:

- Approach Peacemaking Publicly
- Approach Peacemaking Persistently
- Appendix #1 – A Concise Overview
- Appendix #2 – Questions to Consider for Resolving Conflict

Session #21

Main Manual: *The Church is Committed to “The Faith”*

Supplement: *A Statement of Belief* (For your reference only.)

Session #22

Main Manual:

Session #22A – *The Church Emphasized Spiritual Growth*

Session #22B – *The Church has an Expectant, Temporal, and Mobile Mindset*

Session #22C – *The Church is Interdependent and Networks with other Churches*

Session #22D – *The Church Grows through Multiplication*

Session #22E – *The Church is to Carry out the Great Commission*

Session #23

Main Manual: *God's Mission is Our Mission*

Supplement: *God's Mission is Our Mission*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover **points 1 and 2.**

Session #24

Supplement: *God's Mission is our Mission*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover **points 3 to 11.**

Session #25

Supplement: *God's Mission is our Mission*

NOTE: In the supplement, our goal is to cover **points 12 to 18.**

Session #26

Session #26A – Main Manual: *Suggested Principles*

Session #26B – Main Manual: *Suggested Application*

Appendix #1 – Main Manual: *Suggested Resources*