

## Week 5 – Commitment

January 31, 2021

### Daily Devotionals



We know everyone here is at a different place in their faith and growth looks very different on a case-by-case basis. What does it look like, though, to grow from wherever we are now to continually making disciples? What's Next will help us to unpack and highlight possible next steps.

This week, we're looking at *committing* to a local church.

Scriptures to consider this week:

- Monday = Matthew 16:13-19
- Tuesday = Ephesians 2:1-22
- Wednesday = 1 Peter 2:1-12
- Thursday = Romans 12:5; 1 Corinthians 3:9-17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13
- Friday = Ephesians 5:22-32; Revelation 19:7-9; Revelation 21:1-2

Questions for reflection each day:

- What do these verses tell you about Christ and His church?
- Why is the church important according to these passages?
- How does this verse challenge you in your interactions with the church?

Practice: As an external sign of your heart's desire to commit to the local church, consider reading, reflecting, and signing The Creek's partnership covenant. You can view the covenant by copying and pasting this link into your web browser → <https://www.thecreek.org/page/1160>.

As you look over that covenant, here are some questions to guide you:

- Prior to this message and conversation, what would your normal expectations be of a church? How are The Creek's expectations similar or dissimilar to what you thought previously?
- Which of the expectations The Creek asks of you do you most strongly resonate with? Which ones are you hesitant about? Why?
- Which of the expectations of you do you most strongly resonate with? Which do you find most challenging? Why?
- What tensions/feelings do you have when it comes to committing to a local church? What might those be rooted in?