



# essentials

KNOW WHAT YOU BELIEVE

## The Church

Read the following verses:

Matt. 16:18; Eph. 1:22-23; 5:25; Acts 2:41

### EXAMINING THE TEXT

1. Read Matthew 16:18. What is the promise and/or prophecy contained in this verse? How does it help you when the church appears weak, lost or defeated?
2. In Acts 2:41 what was the response to Peter's message? What does this tell us about how people join the church?

### DIGGING DEEPER

1. If you meet a fellow-Christian who tells you they don't want to get involved with a church, because their individual relationship with the Lord is sufficient, how would you help them from the Bible?

### THE HEART OF THE MATTER

1. How has your experience of church-life here helped to develop your experience of the Body of Christ, the building as God's house, God's family and/or Christ's bride?