

## Week 2: Love the Church

**Overview:** This message will focus on transforming and mobilizing disciples who **Love the Church**. The Church isn't just a building – it's a body. This week challenges students to be. Generous with their words and time within their spiritual family. When we speak life and serve one another, we strengthen the whole Church.

**Key Scripture:** Romans 12:3-13

**Supporting Scripture:** Hebrews 10:24-25, Galatians 6:10

### CONTENT

**Key Takeaway:** Being generous with your Church means showing up, speaking life, and serving others like family.

#### Key Points

- You were made to contribute, not just consume.
  - We're many parts of one body, each with different gifts. (vv. 4-6)
    - You have a role to play in the Church
  - It's an easy temptation to spectate at church rather than serve – especially as a student!
- Words create culture
  - Honor, encouragement, and humility strengthen the Church
  - Romans 12:10 – “Outdo one another in showing honor.”
  - Hebrews 10:24-25: Spur one another on
- Showing up and serving matters.
  - Be zealous, joyful, patient, and generous. (vv 11-13)
  - Consistency and presence are powerful ways to love the church well.
  - Generosity means giving your time to bless others – not just when it's convenient.
  - Galatians 6:10 – do good to the family of believers.

**Gospel Application:** Jesus didn't just love individuals – He gave Himself up for the CHURCH! When we serve and speak life into the Church, we reflect Jesus' heart for His people.

**Key Question:** How can I give my time and/or words to help build up my church family this week?

### APPLICATION

#### Activity Suggestions

- Play the serving video ([thechapel.com/belongresources](https://thechapel.com/belongresources)) and then have an “onboarding fair” – get students connected to serving.
  - Invite members of the congregation to come and talk about different serving opportunities.
- Encourage groups to spend time discussing spiritual gifts: <https://thechapel.com/spiritual-gifts/>
- Family Meal: host a “family style” meal night with shared responsibilities and intentional conversation about what it means to live generously toward you spiritual family.
- Affirmation station: set up tables with cards for students to write encouragement for peers, leaders, and other church members.
- “Outdo one another” week: turn Romans 12:10 into a competition: who can honor or encourage the most people in a meaningful way this week? Create space for testimonies next week.
- “Word fast” challenge: challenge students to go 24 hours without gossip, sarcasm, or complaining.

### **Community Group Questions**

- How have you seen someone use their gifts to serve the church well?
- Why is encouragement such a powerful part of generosity?
- What does it look like to “outdo one another in showing honor” in student ministry?
- What’s one gift or ability you could use to serve others in the church?
- What would change if you saw the church as a place to give instead of just receive?