

Revelation Bible Small Group Series.

The Seven Churches: Lessons 2-8

Designing Church— Building Meaning

Over the course of seven weeks each of you will design and modify a church using the provided material as a way to start examining the themes found in Revelation 2-3.

Week 1: Design a church.

Instructions: Choose church coloring page. Color it and give it a name. Once you are done coloring it, cut it out and place it on your backdrop.

Share: Share your church with the group. What did you name it? Why you chose that design it the way you did?

Discuss: What are some foundational moments in the history of our church for you? Why are these moments important to you?

Week 2: Decorate church.

Instructions: Using the week two supplies, add additional decoration and flourishes to your church.

Share: Share your updates with the group. Why did you these things to your church? How does that enhance your church?

Discuss: What are some of the things throughout our church's history that have helped it grow and flourish?

Week 3: Church is People.

Instructions: Using the week 3 supplies, add people to your church scene. Consider what they are doing and what role they play in the church.

Share: Share your people with your group. What role do these people play in the life of your church?

Discuss: Who are some people that have played a significant role in the church for you, and why?

Week 4: Remove church.

Instructions: Rip up your church. Destroy the building, decorations, people and backdrop.

Share: How did it felt to remove the church?

Discuss: What are some things that might benefit our church if they were removed? How are they causing problems?

Week 5: Rebuild church.

Instructions: Using the supplies from weeks 1-3, try to recreate your original church.

Share: How is your new church different from your old?

Discuss: What are some of the things our church is holding on to that may not be helpful or healthy? What are some things that need to be redone to help our church flourish?

Week 6: Restructure your Church

Instructions: Using supplies from previous weeks, add elements to enhance the design of your church.

Share: What are some new things that you added to your church? Why did you add them?

Discuss: What are some things that we could add to our church to thrive and flourish, and build meaning through Christian community?

Week 7: Church of the Future

Instructions: Remove your church from your backdrop and add it to the new backdrop. Using the supplies for week seven, design the church of the future.

Share: What makes your church a church of the future?

Discuss: What are some things that we need for the future longevity of our Christian Community. What do we need to do to become the church of the future?