

# Witness: Learning to Share Your Christian Faith

## Lesson Plan

### Trail Four, Session 14 = Biblical Images of the Church

#### (Plan for a short refreshment break at some point)

#### References:

Trail Guide for Leaders	Page 211
Trail Guide for Hikers	Page 108

#### 1. Prayer:

- a. Open with reading the prayer on page 108.

#### 2. Trail Talk:

- a. What did Jesus mean when he said to Peter, “on this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hell will not prevail against it?”

#### 3. The Church is Born:

- a. What does Pentecost mean to you and your faith as a Christian witness?
- b. How would you describe the purpose of the church?

#### 4. The Three Images:

- a. The Body of Christ: (Ephesians 4:15-16) (page 109) (refer back to “gifts” contained in the body of the church)
- b. The Bride of Christ: (Ephesians 5:25-30) (page 110)
- c. The Temple of Living Stones: (1 Peter 2:4-6; Psalm 118:22-24; Luke 19:39-40)
- d. Which of these images to you like best? Why?

#### 5. Moving On:

- a. Review what we have covered this week.
- b. Assignments for Next Week

(1). Reading Assignment:

(a) As you read the chapter for next week (pages 115-121 underline or highlight special thoughts and answer the questions in the Q boxes.

(b) Complete the daily Bible readings and place your reflections, questions and insights.

c. Action Assignment:

(1) Complete the Action Assignment on page 113.

**6. Closing Prayer** “Stay salty and let your light shine”

**7. Closing Word:** “See you on the path!”