

**Grade 6**  
**ENCOUNTER Session 8: August 11**  
**The Church**

**Opening Prayer**

*Dear Jesus, Thank you for the time we have had to study together with Encounter and get a better understanding of the Bible. Please help us continue to desire to study and follow your Word. Open our minds and heart this week as we talk about the Church. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.*

**Pre-Video Thoughts**

- What do you think is a respectful way to talk to others about Jesus?
- Have you ever had a negative experience with this? Or have you ever had a positive experience with this?
- What do you think about the idea that “church is people, not a building”?
- What was the verse to remember from last week (“Jesus Wept”)?
- Can you remember the Verses to Remember from any of the past sessions?
- The new verse to remember “Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity”

**Watch Video: The Church (30 minutes)**

Print Session 8 Handout. Follow along and answer questions that go with the video.

**Questions & Thoughts**

- Why is Pentecost such a big deal, not only for the Church, but for all of us personally? What would happen if we didn't have the Holy Spirit?
- Name a few ways you could be “martyred” for your faith at your age and in this current culture?
- Why should the choice of God to use Saul/St. Paul like he did give us hope?
- St. Paul went through a lot of hardships for the sake of the gospel. Would you do what he did? Why or why not?
- How can you be bolder in sharing your faith with other people in your life? Give three examples of things you can do.
- What was something you learned or your favorite Encounter session?

**Closing Prayer – Hail Mary**