

# Images of the Church

## VIDEO LINK

[http://youtu.be/wk4OCzre\\_IY](http://youtu.be/wk4OCzre_IY)

## GOAL SUMMARY

This session discusses various images used to describe the Church (i.e. sheepfold, Body of Christ, etc.) and what these images mean for the Church and her members.

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This video opens with images of Christ, both a crucifix as well as within the Eucharist, which illustrates the fact that the Church is focused on Jesus. It shows the roles of the Church and how different images of the Church are reflected in her individual members.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which image of the Church stuck out to you the most? Why?
2. Where did you see excitement in the life of the Church in this video? Have you experienced anything like that?
3. What can you do to help the Church stay vibrant, happy, and focused on Christ?
4. One image of the Church is the vine and the branches. In John 15:5, Jesus says: "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in me, and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing." Like branches whose only source of life is the vine, we are called to abide in Christ. Is every part of your life abiding (remaining) in Christ?
5. What kind of fruit are you bearing in your life? What can you do to bear better fruit?

## SEND

Remind the young people of the beauty of belonging to the Catholic Church, the church that was founded by Christ himself. Although it is may be overwhelming with how many different images of the Church there are, encourage students to pick one image that speaks to them and to focus on that one image. They should take it to prayer, allowing God to show them the beauty of the Church in that image of the Church they have chosen.

Pray together:

*Jesus, Your faith was in the Heavenly Father, Your steadfastness being my living model! Kindly grant me the richness of such faith, to embrace Your Father as my true Provider, having staunch belief in His eminent powers and to remain loyal to Him until my last day. If my faith shifts as temporary waves, rush to my rescue without any hesitation, protecting others from my fleeting frailty. May Your presence always be lively enjoyed, enabling me to shine as a flame of faith. My faith loyally reaches out to You!* (Prayer from [www.catholic.org](http://www.catholic.org))