**WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT THE CHURCH**

***Study 8 – The Local Church: Nature, Purposes, and Organization***

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