What does the Bible say about Church Youth Session

**Activity:** Finding Out What The Bible Says
Give each young person a Bible, or encourage them to bring one each Sunday, and allocate each of them a passage from below. Just give them the Bible Verse, the thoughts in brackets are a guide for leaders to the core of the answer. Ask them to read the verses and think about what it says about Church. You could use a flipchart of even a large piece of paper in the middle to collate all the answers. You don't need to use all the verses below and depending on your group size you could give each young person more than one bible verse.
- Romans 12v5 (Body of Christ)
- Ephesians 2v20-22 (Jesus is Cornerstone)
- Hebrews 10v24-25 (Meeting regularly)
- Colossians 3v11 (Everyone is welcome)
- 1 Corinthians 12v28 (Full of gifts)
- James 5v14 (Shares in prayer)
- Matthew 16v18 (Not defeated)
- Acts 8v1 (Persecuted)
- Acts 9v31 (Encouraged by the Spirit)
- Acts 14v27 (Missional/Sends people)
- 1 Corinthians 1v2 (Called to be his holy people)

**Discussion Questions:**
1. What should our church look like?
2. How does our church reflect Christ now? Maybe through a person, event, talk?
3. How can we as young people help church look like what the Bible tells us?
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**Video & Graphics:** What do people think about Church? The Barna Group, based in USA, carry out research and have produced some helpful resources to look at the general opinion of church. This article has some helpful graphics and stats: https://www.barna.org/barna-update/culture/661-americans-divided-on-the-importance-of-church#.V6HqQPkrJD8
This video entitled Sacred Roots trailer gives a short clip to kickstart discussion on current opinions of church: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AF1WuZrondU
This video entitled Sacred Roots, is the full edition of the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=04lt_YxIE3U

**Game:** One Body
See resource for One Body Game