



**Heart for the House: Planted in the House**

**Scripture: Psalm 92:12-14, Matthew 28:19-20**

**Date: 11/13/22**

**BOTTOM LINE: You were made to be rooted in and committed to the mission that Jesus left for His church.**

*Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells.*  
Psalm 26:8 (NIV)

- There should be a joy in gathering together to experience the presence and power of God, as he transforms our lives, so we can impact others.

*And the church is his body; it is made full and complete by Christ, who fills all things everywhere with himself.* Ephesians 1:23 (NLT)

- Jesus fills His church, His people, with His presence, wherever they go.
- 1. The church exists to BRING glory to God, BUILD up believers, and BE a witness to the world.**
- We could sum it up this way: Upward, Inward, Outward
  - The church matters to God. His son, Jesus, loved the church and laid his life down for her.

## 2. The church is: a family, a Bride, a body.

*<sup>4</sup> Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, <sup>5</sup> so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other. Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)*

- There is a function and connectedness for every believer within the body of Christ.
- Every person has his or her part to do. We are to work together to make the body work.

## 3. Planted people flourish.

*The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. <sup>13</sup> Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God. <sup>14</sup> They shall still bear fruit in old age; They shall be fresh and flourishing, Psalm 92:12-14 (NKJV)*

**Planted:** to put or set in the ground for growth; to establish, institute, or settle

**Flourish:** Growing, thriving, reaching your potential, being a blessing.

- When you choose to be planted in God's house you will stand strong like a cedar tree, declare victory like a palm tree, and produce fruit.
- A seed that is not planted lies dormant, unproductive, and it won't become what it's intended to be.

#### **4. You have a part to play in God's plan for reaching the world.**

*19 Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. 20 Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)*

- The church is God's strategy for reaching the world. We exist not just for ourselves, but for those who are not yet here.
- We are ALL called to FOLLOW JESUS and CULTIVATE PEOPLE

#### **How can I respond?**

##### **1. PLANT**

- Commit to a local church
- Connect in a group
- Join a serve team

##### **2. Pray**

- How do you want to use me to help reach more people for Jesus?
- How would you have me be a part of this year's Heart for the House season?

# 3D Guide

**DO.**

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1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



1. Why does the church exist?
2. What does being planted in God's house mean to you?
3. What does staying planted have to do with producing fruit and flourishing?
4. What steps could you take to deepen your commitment to God's church?



**DO.**

Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that were studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.