

Who Is *backcountry.church*? - FAQs

1. Is *backcountry.church* a “real” church.

- a. YES. On two levels. First, we are registered in the State of California as a legal church.
- b. On a biblical level, we need to ask the basic question: what is a biblical church. This is addressed in Part 2 of the series, who is *backcountry.church*. [Here is the link](#). We took a step back and asked this very question. As a result, we put in place the basic practices of the early church.
- c. We invite you as well to [Core Beliefs](#)-video
- d. Download and engage in our App. It is a great way to connect DAILY, much like the early church.

2. Are there any other churches doing what we are doing?

- a. The very word “church” in our language refers to a building where people meet. As an example: “Where did you go this weekend? I went to church.” Churches have as their center point an address or location. Because that is not what church is, *backcountry.church* is not our practice. We are not aware of others doing what *backcountry.church* does.

3. - is anyone really welcome?

- a. Yes. We encourage everyone to explore our website and use our tools to connect with God.

4. How is this different than a Facebook group?

- a. Facebook Groups are amazing. While *backcountry.church* may have Facebook Groups, it is a tool that helps us accomplish the second part of our mission statement (connecting with others). A Facebook Group is not an *ecclesia*. It can be a tool of the *ecclesia*.

5. Will you ever meet in person?

- a. Yes! Connections to each other should occur all over the US. In fact, over the course of time, I will be in various places throughout the US and would love to meet you, maybe do a hike with you, maybe have a small group or prayer and Bible study time.
- b. You can do this with others in BCC where you are! Don’t wait for the “professional”

6. How to serve?

- a. We invite you to watch this brief video.
- b. You can Follow, Like, Subscribe on all of our social media platforms. This helps others connect with God.
- c. Get to know who we are as part of the body of Christ.
- d. Review [Episode 8 in the Message Series Road Trip](#)

7. - What if I’m not ready to commit yet? What does it look like to be a member?

- a. While we do not currently offer membership, we encourage you to be involved.
- b. Everyone needs a local church. We are that for you.

8. How would baptisms work?

- a. You tell me you are ready to be baptized and we'll figure out how to do it!

9. How are you funded? And what happens to the money?

- a. Just like the early church, through the tithes and offerings of those who call bcc their own. You can give via our app and website and by other means.
- b. I do not take a salary from bbc. In fact, as of this recording, everyone who is engaged serves voluntarily. So the funds received go to making BCC happen and towards those in need – website costs, video production, advertising.
- c. We will occasionally partner with non-profits that are doing missions work that we can support through our network of believers.

