



There Is MORE for Your Church

Opening Question

When you hear the word “church,” what is the first thing that comes to mind? Has that understanding changed over time?

1. The Church Is a GATHERING

Matthew 16:18: “I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”

The Greek word *ekklesia* means a called-out assembly or gathering. The biblical picture of church isn't primarily a building or an organization—it's people coming together as the family of God.

Acts 2:44–47 shows believers gathering together, sharing meals, worshiping, meeting in homes, caring for one another, and growing together.

Discuss

1. What stands out to you about the way the early church gathered in Acts 2?
2. Why do you think God designed Christianity to be lived in community rather than alone?
3. What are some things we receive from gathering with other believers that we can't experience as easily by ourselves?



4. Hebrews 10:24–25 tells us not to give up meeting together. What are some things that can cause people to gradually disconnect from church community?
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2. The Church Is on a MISSION

Matthew 28:19–20: “Go and make disciples of all nations...”

Jesus didn't call His church to simply gather and take care of ourselves. We gather so that we can be sent.

The mission is to:

- Make disciples
- Baptize people
- Teach people to follow Jesus
- Seek and save the lost
- Help people know God and make Him known

Luke 19:10: “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

Discuss

1. What is the difference between being a consumer of church and being a contributor to the mission?
2. Why is it easy for a church or individual Christian to become focused primarily on what they can *receive*?
3. What does it look like for us to “seek and save the lost” in our everyday lives—at work, school, in our neighborhood, or among our friends?



Go Deeper

“We don't gather to be sheltered from the world; we gather to be sent into it.”

3. The Church Is a **BODY**

1 Corinthians 12:12–14: “Though one, [the body] has many parts...”

Paul describes the church as one body with many different parts. Every person has a place, a purpose, and something valuable to contribute.

1 Corinthians 12:18: “God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.”

Discuss

1. Why do you think Paul chose the human body as a picture of the church?
2. What happens when one part of a body thinks it isn't important?
3. What happens when one part thinks it is more important than the other parts?
4. What are some differences among people in the church that can actually become strengths when we function together?
5. Have you ever felt like you didn't have anything valuable to contribute to the church? What does 1 Corinthians 12 say about that?
6. What gifts, experiences, skills, or life lessons has God given you that could benefit someone else?



Personal Reflection

Complete this sentence:

“One thing I believe God has placed in me that could help someone else is _____.”



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