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Summary

Join Pastor Stephanie as she teaches about the true meaning of being "the church" - emphasizing that while believers are indeed the church (not the building), this doesn't excuse us from gathering together as a local body of Christ. She addresses the tendency to "church hop" and challenges believers to commit to a local congregation where they can both receive and contribute, especially as we approach the end times.

Top Points

- 1. **We are the temple of God** The Spirit of God dwells in each believer, making us the church, not the building
- 2. **Individual members of one body** While each person is the church, no one person is the complete body of Christ; we need each other
- 3. **Commitment over convenience** God places us in specific local bodies for growth and ministry, not for shopping around based on preferences
- 4. **Corporate gathering brings liberty** When two or three gather in Jesus' name, He is present and brings freedom that we desperately need
- 5. **End times require more fellowship** As difficult times approach, we need to assemble together even more, not less
- 6. **Everyone has a role to play** From simple encouragement to specific ministries, every member should actively participate in the body

Quotations

- "We are God's hands and feet on the earth. [The church] is not the building."
- "You alone are not the full body of Christ. You are a member."
- "When God has placed you in a body, he has placed you there for a reason. For growth. That
 body has something for you to help you grow... for [the] opportunity for you to minister."
- "Don't go visit five, ten other churches. Find the one that you feel God is telling you to be a part of and be a part of it."
- "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."
- "Don't forsake getting together, exhorting one another, encouraging one another, even more so as the day approaches."
- "This is never meant to be done on our own."
- "Be a part of the body of Christ, the local body of Christ. Do your part..."