

# Be the Church

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## 7 Lies we Believe about Church.

### 1. Lie: *Church is a PLACE you go.*

**Truth: Church isn't a place it's a people.**

#### Acts 2 (NLT)

<sup>42</sup> All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals, and to prayer. <sup>46</sup> They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - <sup>47</sup> all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship (*The Church*) those who were being saved.

***Ekklesia*** = "Called Out, Assembly, Gathering"

#### Matthew 18 (CEV)

<sup>20</sup> [Jesus said] "Whenever two or three of you come together in my name. I am there with you."

### 2. Lie: *Church is a MAN made institution and isn't necessary for a thriving relationship with GOD.*

**Truth: Church has always been God's plan.**

#### Ephesians 1 (NLT)

<sup>4</sup> Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. <sup>5</sup> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

<sup>10</sup> **And this is the plan:** At the right time he will bring everything together under the authority of Christ - everything in heaven and on earth. <sup>22</sup> God has put all things under the authority of Christ and has made him head over all things for the benefit of the church.

<sup>23</sup> And the church is his body.

### **3. Lie: *The church doesn't need ME.***

**Truth: God placed you there to help others and others there to help you.**

#### **Ephesians 4 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> Christ, is the head of his body, the church. <sup>16</sup> He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

#### **Ephesians 2 (NLT)**

<sup>20</sup> Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. <sup>21</sup> We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

### **4. Lie: *The church only wants my MONEY.***

**Truth: God doesn't need your money but he uses your money to capture your heart.**

#### **Matthew 6 (NLT)**

<sup>20a</sup> Store your treasures in heaven . . . <sup>21</sup> Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

#### **2 Corinthians 9 (NLT)**

<sup>6</sup> Remember this - a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup> You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. *"For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."*

**5. Lie: *The way WE believe is the RIGHT way.***

**Truth: Jesus built his church around a declaration not a denomination.**

**Matthew 16 (NLT)**

<sup>15</sup> [Jesus asked his disciples], “But who do you say I am?”

<sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” <sup>17</sup> Jesus replied, “You are blessed, Simon son of John, because your Father in heaven has revealed this to you. You did not learn this from any human being.”

<sup>18</sup> “Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means ‘Rock’), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.”

**6. Lie: *Church leaders are SUPER-CHRISTIANS and will never do anything WRONG.***

**Truth: Church leaders are human and will disappoint you, hurt you, and let you down.**

**1 Thessalonians 5 (NLT)**

<sup>12</sup> Dear brothers and sisters, honor those who are your leaders in the Lord’s work. They work hard among you and give you spiritual guidance. <sup>13</sup> Show them great respect and wholehearted love because of their work. And live peacefully with each other.

**7. Lie: *I don’t have TIME.***

**Truth: You have time for what you make time for.**

**Hebrews 10 (CEV)**

<sup>25</sup> Some people have given up the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.

***The Church is God's PEOPLE  
gathered to do God's MISSION.***

**Q:** Which of the **7 Lies** have you been most tempted to believe?

- \_\_\_\_\_ Church is a place you go.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church is a man-made institution.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The church doesn't need me.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The church only wants my money.
- \_\_\_\_\_ The way we believe is the right way.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Church leaders will never do wrong.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I don't have time.

**Q:** How can you be more involved in your church?

**Q:** How can you help your family be more involved in your church?

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**Prayer:** Lord Jesus, would you fill me with the same love that YOU have for the church. Will you help me overcome my hurts and my preferences that have kept me from being fully involved. Will you lead me to a community of believers that I can call home for both me and my family. In the name of Jesus, Amen.