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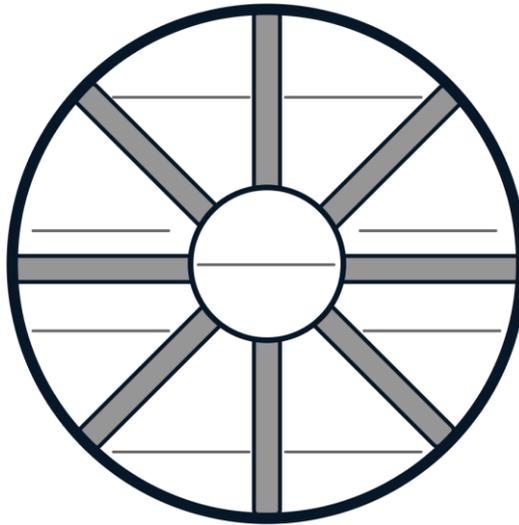
THIS IS CHURCH: “WHY YOU NEED A CHURCH FAMILY”

1. Church helps me KEEP GOD in the center of my life.

*“But **seek first** His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”
Matthew 6:33 (NIV)*

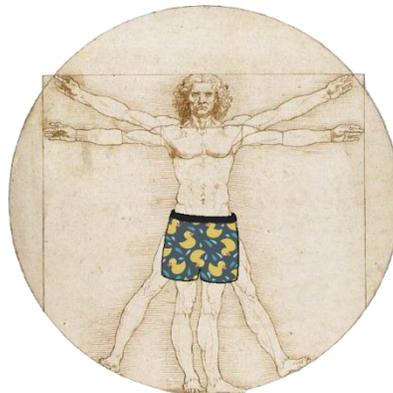
*“[Jesus] ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment.”
Matthew 22:37-38 (NIV)*

“You have six days each week for your ordinary work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of complete rest, an official day for holy assembly. It is the LORD’s Sabbath day, and it must be observed wherever you live.” Leviticus 23:3 (NLT)



2. The Church is a “BODY” and there is a great benefit when the PARTS WORK TOGETHER.

*“...Christ, who is the **head of His body, the church.** 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 4:15-16 (NLT)*



2 Benefits:

- ❖ **FRIENDSHIP**

- ❖ **MINISTRY** (helping people)

Action Step: **CLASS 101, Feb 12 @9:15**

3. The Church helps me **GROW UP SPIRITUALLY**.

*“Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do His work and **build up the church, the body of Christ**. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son **that we will be mature in the Lord**, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Then we will **no longer be immature like children**. We won’t be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth.” Ephesians 4:11-14 (NLT)*

How do we grow?

- ❖ **Eat good food. (Feeding on God’s Word)**

Action Step: **CLASS 201, Feb 12 @9:15**

- ❖ **Exercise. (Putting my faith in action)**

Action Step: **CLASS 301, Feb 12 @9:15**

- ❖ **TESTS** (People, Problems, Delays)

“...Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her...” Ephesians 5:25 (NIV)

Keep the Conversation Going...

1. What’s the first thing that comes to mind when you think of Church?
2. Check out Ephesians 4:2-4. How different would your life be if you lived as though church isn’t just a destination, but instead, is a part of who you are?
3. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. How does having a church family help keep God in the center of your life?