SERMONNOTES

For God So Loved pt.2 November 8, 2026

He Gave Us the Church

Come Gather With Us.

"God's house should make it easier for people to encounter Him, not harder."

1. God's House Is for _____

Isaiah 56:6–7

- God intended His house to be a place where all _____ could approach Him.

Mark 11:15–17
And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and the seats of those who sold pigeons. And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple. And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations?' — But you have made it a den of robbers."

- Our welcome must extend beyond **friendliness**.

God never intended His house to become an obstacle to people seeking Him.

2. God's House Is a Place of Worship

Hebrews 10:10–22

- Jesus has made the perfect _____.

Hebrews 13:15–16
Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

- Worship is not a **PERFORMANCE** we observe but a response we offer.

We come to praise Him for His favor has been extended to us through Jesus.

3. God's People Help Make Him _____

Romans 12:11

- Every ministry helps people _____ the Gospel of Jesus.

1 Corinthians 14:24–25
But if an unbeliever or an inquirer comes in while everyone is prophesying, they are convicted of sin and are brought under judgment by all, 25 as the secrets of their hearts are laid bare. So, they will fall down and worship God, exclaiming, "God is really among you!"

The greatest thing about our living room is what Jesus does in our hearts.

ADMIT **BELIEVE** **CHOOSE**

Reflect and Discuss

1. When I gather with God's people, am I coming primarily to receive something or to offer God my worship?

2. What barriers—attitudes, preferences, or distractions—might keep others from encountering Jesus through our church?

3. How can I offer my praise, time, talents, and treasure as meaningful sacrifices to God?

4. How does the faithful service of others help me grow in my relationship with Jesus?

5. What can I do to help someone who is unfamiliar with church feel welcomed, valued, and invited to encounter Christ?

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