

## **Week 6 - What Else Does a Church Do?**

**Intro Question** - *What kind of things should a church do when they gather together?*

**Main Point** - The church exists to worship God, build up believers, and evangelize the world.

*Will's teaching part 1*

**Question 1** - *Why do you think Buck Run usually preaches through books of the Bible on Sunday morning?*

We are committed to Expository Preaching, which aims at communicating the meaning of the text we are preaching. Passages in the Bible are best understood in their context. Preaching through books in the Bible helps people understand the whole picture of what the authors of Scripture meant when they wrote it. Preaching through books of the Bible also pushes us to teach difficult parts of Scripture and to have a well-rounded theology formed through our teaching.

**Question 2** - *What are some things you might be tempted to let get in the way of regularly gathering with the church? How can you resist those temptations?*

The world is full of distractions and other ways we might use our Sunday mornings or other church times. Sleep, sports, hobbies, work, and overall busyness can get in the way of our gatherings. But it is important for us to commit ourselves before the temptation comes to always prioritize the gathering of the church.

*Will's teaching part 2*

**Question 3** - *Has anyone taken the time to invest in your discipleship outside of the Sunday morning worship service? What sort of impact has that had on your life?*

The people who give their time for our discipleship are so important to our walk with Jesus. Recognizing this should challenge us to be that person for others. God has gifted you in ways that you can contribute to the discipleship of other believers. Think through ways that God may be calling you to do that.

**Question 4** - *How can we learn from the ministry of Jesus to understand the relationship between caring for physical needs and caring for spiritual needs?*

Jesus spent much of his earthly ministry meeting the physical needs of others. He helped poor people, blind people, deaf people, lame people, sick people, and more. But in all of this, Jesus' goal was to reach them with a message that mattered eternally: the kingdom of heaven. As Christians we should be the first people ready to help those who are in physical need. But we cannot stop at meeting their physical needs. We should always use that service as a bridge to giving them the answer to their greatest need: the gospel of Jesus Christ.