NOTES QUESTIONS? I'VE WANTED TO ASK GOD NOTES

Do I Have to Go to Church to be a Christian?

Sunday, November 1, 2026 | Tommy Duke
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FBC Garden City Mission Statement:
First Baptist Church of Garden City exists to give the people of Garden City and the surrounding communities the best opportunity to become fully developing followers of Jesus.

The Great Commandments:
(Jesus) *"'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' The entire law and all the demans of the prophets are based on these two commandments."* – Matthew 22:37-40

The Great Commission:
(Jesus) *"I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."* – Matthew 28:18-20

The Great Compassion:
(Jesus) *"For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me… I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!"* – Matthew 25:35-36, 40

Memory Verse:
(Jesus) *"…I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it."* – Matthew 16:18

WHY IS GOING TO CHURCH IMPORTANT FOR A CHRISTIAN?

- **THE CHURCH IS A _____.**

"…Show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters. Love each other deeply with all your heart." – 1 Peter 1:22

- **GOD EXPECTS ME TO BE A _____OF A CHURCH FAMILY.**

"And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near." – Hebrews 10:25

- **A CHRISTIAN WITHOUT A CHURCH FAMILY IS AN_____.**

"The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ." – 1 Corinthians 12:12

WHY DO I NEED TO BE PART OF A CHURCH FAMILY?

- **I NEED _____.**

"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble." – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

- **I NEED _____.**

"Do not neglect the spiritual gift you received…" – 1 Timothy 4:14

- **I NEED _____.**

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer." – Acts 2:42

- **I NEED _____.**

"Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." – Romans 12:4-5

"If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved." – Romans 10:9-10

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS TO:

- ☐ Memorize Matthew 16:18.
- ☐ Commit to pray for and be an active part of my church family.
- ☐ Step up to go public with my faith by being Baptized at FBC during the service on Sunday, November 15.
- ☐ Sign up for Fall Growth Group #: _____

* Join us next Sunday, November 8, at 11:00am, as we continue our fall teaching series, *"Questions I've Wanted to Ask God,"* with "What Is God Like?" Invite your friends and family to join us!

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