

Main Series Idea:

What does it mean to live a life in the spirit? How do we do it? And more importantly, why should we do it?

Philippians 2: 1-11

So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, 10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Question That Need Answers:

1. Why do you actually go to church?

Intro

Over the next two weeks we are going to be discussing what brings unification to the church body, because as the scripture says... be in full accord.

Vision for Church “Why do you go to church”

Here is my first question to you, do you ever really ask yourself that? And maybe more importantly... Are you really able to answer?

I honestly think for a lot of us, this has become such a routine or standard practice, that we can often overlook the most important thing... "WHY"

1. Scripture says so

Hebrews 10: 23-25

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Here is the thing I am beginning to realize in my own life, At some point... I am going to have to do all this book tells me, or Jesus isn't more Lord.

We have to realize, that church and your participation in it, is a fundamental part of the christian life. Why? Because the book says so.

"The gospel isn't just a set of ideas that ushers you into the kingdom, it's the very definition of what kingdom life looks like — and the church is where that life gets embodied, not just believed." N.T. Wright

2. Here the word of God proclaimed

Acts 2: 42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

You see apart of our devotion can't just simply be to each other, thats important, so important, but we must have a same dedication to teaching, to the meeting together around the scriptures and Gods word.

Nehemiah 8: 9-10

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. 10 Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

The proclamation of Gods word, the teachings of Jesus, have always been designed to be our true North, its essential to being a disciple to being an apprenticeship, apprenticeship is about learning.

This is not just the next thing in a service order, this is the living breathing words of Jesus.

"You won't value someone as Lord, if you don't value his teachings."

3. To Worship God

Let me tell you something, if my wife got diagnosed with cancer this week, do you know where I would want to be, in the presence of God, if my family had a long hard week or my kids where a lot this week, do you know where I would want to be, in the presence of God. If something happened to my mum or my dad, something happened to Abbey, something bad happened here at Be Love, do you know where I would want to be, in the presence of God.

Church, this place, this alter, this room, this is not a chore, this is not a task, this is not a have to, this is not a maybe if there is time, this is not a if nothing else is going on... THIS IS WHERE THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS!!!!!!!!!!

If you're having a hard week, if you dealing with bad news, if you are in family crisis, and the alter is not the place you want to run to, you have missed it.

God inhabits the praise of his people

Yes the presence of God is with you wherever you go, of course, but biblically... God shows up in ways greater and deeper, when the body of Christ gathers together to worship him.

2 Chronicles 5: 13-14

13 and it was the duty of the trumpeters and singers to make themselves heard in unison in praise and thanksgiving to the Lord), and when the song was raised, with trumpets and cymbals and other musical instruments, in praise to the Lord,

“For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever,”

the house, the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud, for the glory of the Lord filled the house of God.

EMPHASIS: **COMMUNITY**

TOPIC: **VISION UNIFYING**

“do you know why you go to church?” Because The Spirit of God is there.

This has to be the vision we have for church!!!! We need a unified vision for church and that unified vision for why we come here on Sunday's is because of this... **GOD IS HERE.**
