

A Worshiping Church
The Importance of Church – Part 2
Life Church St. Louis – February 12, 2017
Lead Pastor – Dr. Dan Walker

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:26-27 (NIV) If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

Psalms 100:1-2 (NIV) Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

1. Become a _____ of God

John 4:23 (NIV) Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks.

1A. Be _____

John 9:38 (NIV) Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him.

1B. Be _____ baptized

Matthew 28:19 (NIV) Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

1C. Be _____ baptized

Acts 2:38-39 (NIV) Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call."

2. _____ with the church

Matthew 18:20 (NIV) For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.

2A. _____ with the church

Ephesians 5:19 (NIV) speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord,

2B. _____ God's Word with the church

Acts 5:42 (NIV) Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.

3. _____ with the church

Acts 4:24, 31 (NIV) When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. ... After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

3A. _____ to God's Word

James 1:22 (NIV) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.

3B. _____ God together

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV) if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Action Plan for This Week

- Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading, prayer & writing.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

- How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What does Hebrews 10:24-25 tell you about the importance of church?

According to following verses in Hebrews 10:26-27, why does the sin of not meeting together result in eternal consequences?

What would you say to someone who claims to be a Christian but sees no reason to be part of a local church?

Why is worship in the church so important (Psalm 100:1-2)?

How do you become like what you worship (Psalm 135:15, 18-19)?

1A. What does it mean to worship the Father in spirit and truth (John 4:23)?

1B. Why must a person be saved in order to worship Jesus (John 9:38)?

1C. Why is water baptism an essential step of worship for a new believer (Matthew 28:19)?

1D. How does Spirit baptism equip a believer to be a worshiper (Acts 2:38-39), John 7:38-39, Acts 2:11)?

1E. What are hindrances to believers being Spirit baptized?

2A. What are the benefits of corporate worship (Matthew 18:20)?

2B. Why is singing an important aspect of worship according to Scripture (Ephesians 5:19, Psalm 66:3)?

2C. How does hearing God's Word taught by a pastor/teacher in the local church benefit believers (Acts 5:42, Ephesians 4:11-13)?

3A. Why is corporate prayer important (Acts 4:24, 31)?

3B. What should be a believer's response to hearing God's Word taught (James 1:22)?

3C. What can be accomplished when a local church focuses their prayers together (2 Chronicles 7:14)?

3D. How do you think the Seek God for the City booklet could help you broaden your prayers beyond your personal needs?