

HARD TO BELIEVE

WHY DO I NEED A CHURCH?

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TURNED OFF, TOO BUSY

I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. —Jesus (Matthew 16:18, NKJV)

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her, to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25-27)

WHY THE CHURCH?

✓ It is the _____

All of you together are the body of Christ, and each of you is a necessary part of it. (1 Corinthians 12:27)

✓ It is where we encounter the _____

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

The believers devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, and to prayer. Everyone was filled with a deep sense of awe came over them all...And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. (Acts 2:47)

WHY DO I NEED A CHURCH?

1. I can find my " _____ " here.

Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other. (Romans 12:5)

2. Nothing else has the _____

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✓ Who is _____

✓ Who are _____

✓ What are you a part of that is _____

Let us not give up meeting together, as some people do, but let us encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:25)

Give God _____

You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (Jeremiah 29:13)

I pray that God will make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do... (Ephesians 1:18, MSG)



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WHY THE CHURCH?

- ✓ It is the body of Christ.

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- ✓ It is where we encounter the presence of Jesus.

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WHY DO I NEED A CHURCH?

1. I can find my "green shirt" here.

Since we are all one body in Christ, we belong to each other. (Romans 12:5)

2. Nothing else has the power to change a human life.

I will build my church, and nothing will stand against it. –Jesus (Matthew 16:18)

- ✓ Who is there for you?
- ✓ Who are you there for?
- ✓ What are you a part of that is making an eternal difference?

Let us not give up meeting together, as some people do, but let us encourage one another. (Hebrews 10:25)

Give God a year of my life.

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