



## WHY CHURCH?

**\*The difference between being a church attender and a church participant is \_\_\_\_\_.**

### **COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR REGULAR AND CONSISTENT \_\_\_\_\_**

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God. - Colossians 3:16

### **COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR REAL \_\_\_\_\_**

**“fellowship” – *koinōnia* = communion, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_**

#### **1. True Fellowship Builds Strong \_\_\_\_\_**

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Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. - Romans 12:10(NIV)

**“honor” - *tim`e* = \_\_\_\_\_, esteem**

#### **2. True Fellowship Develops Sincere \_\_\_\_\_**

- **Sincere love within the context of the church is our greatest \_\_\_\_\_ to the world**

“By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” - John 13:35

Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us. - 1 John 4:11-12

### **COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR NECESSARY \_\_\_\_\_**

"If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. <sup>16</sup> "But if he does not listen *to you*, take one or two more with you, so that BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED. <sup>17</sup> "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. - Matthew 18:15-17

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; *each one* looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. <sup>3</sup> For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. - Galatians 6:1-3

## COMMITTING TO A CHURCH PROVIDES A CONTEXT FOR VITAL

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### 1. Through \_\_\_\_\_

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And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; - Ephesians 4:11-12

### 2. Through \_\_\_\_\_

As each one has received a *special* gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. - 1 Peter 4:10

### 3. Through \_\_\_\_\_

### 4. Through \_\_\_\_\_

and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near. - Hebrews 10:24-25