

# WHY GO TO CHURCH

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While personal Bible study is extremely important to your spiritual growth, you also need to make a regular practice of going to church. Why is church so important? For one thing, Jesus Himself established the church (see Matthew 16:18). The church is not just a building, but an assembly of people who believe (as Peter said in Matthew 16:16) that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

In the New Testament, the words temple or synagogue are used to describe a building where people go to worship. The word church can be used to describe all genuine believers across the world-and throughout the ages. The church is also called "the body of Christ" (see Colossians 1 :24). When you became a Christian, you became a part of the body of believers that is the church.

So why go to church? Because being involved in a local church is a vital part of growing your Christian faith. You need a place where you will be encouraged and instructed. You need a place where you can give out what God has given to you.

The church will help you grow through the faithful teaching of God's Word. As a new believer, you are sure to have questions about what the Bible means. You are just beginning to discover the basics

Why will a thriving church put great emphasis on Bible study?  
Read the verses below for the answer.

**2 Timothy 4:2**

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**Ephesians 4:11-13**

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The church will help you grow through fellowship with other believers. We need to know that, as a member of God's family, we have a place to go for loving encouragement. In the church, we meet other people who share our love for Christ, some believers have been faithfully walking with Christ for many years.

You can learn from their example and gain wisdom for your own spiritual walk. In times of trial or tragedy, we need the comfort and support of Christians who will love us and stand with us.

Why is fellowship with other believers important?

Read the verses below for the answer.

**Hebrews 10:24-25** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Romans 1:11-12** \_\_\_\_\_

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As you just read in Hebrews 10:24, believers are encouraged to "stir up love and good works" (NKJV) in one another. Church is a place to come to listen and learn-but it is also a place to serve. The fact is we need each other! Everyone has a role in the church. Serving others is one way of serving the Lord. As you look for opportunities to give out what you have received, you will find your place in the church.

Here are a few reasons to consider why the church would need you:

**Ephesians 2:10** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Romans 12:4-5** \_\_\_\_\_

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Here at Calvary we encourage to get involved serving in a ministry after you have been coming here for more than six months. If you're good with kids you can serve in the **Children's Ministry**. If your a very outgoing welcoming person than serve at the **Welcome Center** greeting people. If you're more of a behind the scenes person than consider serving on the clean team or if your a tech person you can serve in our **Media Ministry**. If you like to cook you can serve once a month in our **Cafe**.

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