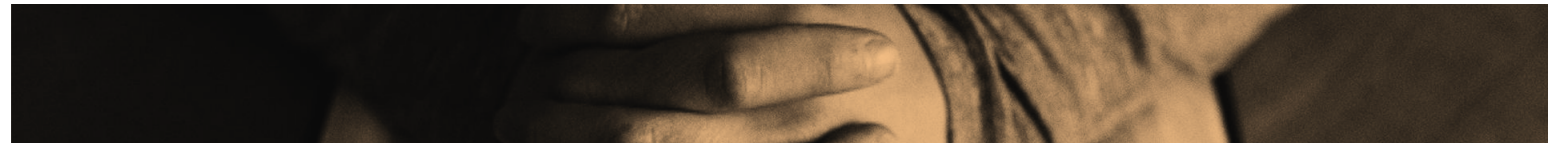


Two Reasons Church Matters

1. Church matters because of the “wow” factor.
2. Church matters because it brings people together.

Three Actions

1. Show up.
2. Pray for the good of the church.
3. Seek the good of the church.



QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER: What do you want to do when you retire?

1. Why is corporate worship vital for the Christian community [Psalm 122:1]? Also consult Deuteronomy 16:16-17; Micah 4:1-5; and Hebrews 10:24-25.
2. Why is the presence of the Lord so desirable to you [Psalm 122:1-2]? Also consider Exodus 40:34-38; Psalm 16:11; and John 1:1-18.
3. What is the significance of the city of Jerusalem throughout biblical history [Psalm 122:2, 3, 6]? Why does it matter [cf. 2 Samuel 5:6-9; Ezra 1:1-4; Luke 13:33-35; and Revelation 21:1-4]?
4. According to Psalm 122:4, what is one of the key purposes of corporate worship [cf. Deuteronomy 8:10; Ezra 3:10-11; and Revelation 7:12]?
5. The word “peace” is repeated three times in Psalm 122:6-8. Why is prayer crucial to the experience of peace [cf. Micah 5:4-5; Zechariah 9:9-10; and Romans 12:17-18]?
6. What impact should worship make on worshipers [Psalm 122:9]? Also examine Micah 6:6-8; Galatians 6:9-10; and 2 Thessalonians 3:13.
7. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday’s message?

“The glory of the gospel is that when the church is absolutely different from the world, she invariably attracts it.” (Martyn Lloyd-Jones)