



Part 2 - "CALLING YOUR BLUFF" Romans 12:5, Hebrews 10:24-25

Luke 9:23 - And he said to all, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.

God sees the church not as a building, but as a _____.

Romans 12:5 - So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

The church is not an organization – it is an _____.

KEY TAKEAWAY – FIND A CHURCH WHERE YOU CAN BE ALL IN AND THEN GO ALL IN WITH THAT CHURCH

- **Why should I be a member of the church?**

Ephesians 2:19 – You belong in God’s household with every other Christian.

Hebrews 10:24, 25 - And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, (continue >>) as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Benefits to being all in to a church: (taken from previous verses)

- We stimulate each other toward loving and doing for others.
- We encourage others by just showing up.

Spiritual benefits include:

- _____ – Just as a uniform identifies you as a soldier, church membership identifies you as a believer.
- _____ – We grow best as we grow together and the church provides you a place where you can mature and grow in your faith.
- _____ – The church gives you a place to discover your spiritual gifts and an avenue to put them to work.
- _____ – The church especially friends in the church and a small group you are a part of, can help you be accountable and help encourage you in you in your daily walk with God.

- **What should I become as a member of a church?**

Acts 2:41-42, 46 - Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day—about 3,000 in all. All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity...

Notice the order in these verses: THEY BELIEVED, THEY WERE BAPTIZED, THEY JOINED THE CHURCH FAMILY, THEY COMMITTED TO REGULAR WORSHIP, AND THEY JOINED A SMALL GROUP

The difference between being a church attender and a church member is _____.

- **Where should I belong as a member of the church?**

You should go where (this is not an exhaustive list):

- They preach God’s word every week.
- The worship is centered on Jesus and directed to the praise of God.
- They believe every person needs to hear the gospel and are sharing it in services and in every other way possible.
- You can get involved using your spiritual gifts in serving the body inside & out.