

# Church Life: [re]defined

## Participate in the Body of Christ

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HEBREWS 10:23-25

EPHESIANS 4:15-16

### Why Should I Come on Sunday Morning?

1. Come because God tells us to meet with other believers (Heb 10:25)
2. Come because we are embodied creatures who need each other (Heb 10:25)
3. Come because the church is God's plan (Matt 16:18; Acts, epistles)
4. Come because the church is your spiritual family (Eph 2:19)
5. Come because the church is God's dwelling place (Eph 2:21-22)
6. Come because the church is the body of Christ (Rom 12:5; Eph 1:22-23)
7. Come because the church is one body with many members (1 Cor 12:18-20)
8. Come to be equipped to play your role in the body (Acts 20:32; Eph 4:11-12)
9. Come to strengthen and build up the body (1 Cor 14:26; Eph 4:15-16)
10. Come to utilize your spiritual gifts for the good of the body (1 Cor 12:7)
11. Come to live in peace and unity with people different from you (Eph 4:1-6)
12. Come to guard against autonomous individualism (Rom 12:5; Eph 5:21)
13. Come to be under the care of godly leaders (Acts 20:28; Heb 13:17)
14. Come to receive mentoring from older believers (Titus 2:1-6)

15. Come to teach the next generation to hope in God (Psalm 78:4; Eph 6:1-4)
16. Come to greet one another (Phil 4:21-23)
17. Come to encourage others and receive encouragement (Heb 10:25)
18. Come to practice the many "one another" commands in Scripture
19. Come to guard against becoming hardened by sin (Heb 3:12-13)
20. Come to live out your corporate identity (1 Pet 2:5, 9-10)
21. Come to celebrate baptism and communion (Matt 28:19-20; 1 Cor 11:26)
22. Come to partner in evangelism and missions (Matt 28:19-20; Acts 2:47)
23. Come to fellowship with other believers (Acts 2:42; 1 John 1:7)
24. Come to worship God together in unity (1 Pet 2:9; Rom 15:5-6)
25. Come to hear God's word taught (1 Tim 4:6, 13; 2 Tim 4:2; Acts 2:42)
26. Come to sing together (Psalm 95:1-2; Eph 5:19-20)
27. Come to pray together (Acts 1:14; 2:42; Eph 6:18)
28. Come to stand firm against the devil's schemes (Eph 6:10-18)
29. Come to hold onto hope (Rom 5:1-5; 15:13; Eph 1:18; Heb 10:23)
30. Come to anticipate heaven (Rev 19:6-7; 21:2-3; Eph 2:6-7; 5:27)

### Reflection Questions:

1. Share about a time when you questioned the importance of gathering with the church, or when it felt like you were just going through the motions.
2. Which of these 30 reasons to gather with the church most encourages or challenges you?
3. How would you encourage a Christian friend who didn't value gathering with the church?
4. If someone asked why you go to church, what would you say?