

Church

Ephesians 2:11-22

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Believing in Jesus is an individual thing but walking with Jesus is a group thing because if I am following Jesus, and you are following Jesus, we are following Jesus together. Since there is only one Jesus everybody following Jesus is following Him together! The Bible calls this group following Jesus the Church.

What did God design the New Testament Church to provide that you just cannot find anywhere else?

- I. Worship
 - A. Reunion
 - B. Communion (The community notices)
- II. Connection
 - A. "Withness"
 - B. Witness (The community notices)
- III. Correction
 - A. Searching His Word
 - B. Searching our hearts (The community notices)
- IV. Choreography
 - A. Moving together
 - B. Making a difference (The community notices)
- V. Purpose
 - A. Personal growth
 - B. Personal evangelism (The community notices)

So What?

- If we don't know what God created the church to be it won't be as important to us as it should be. (1 Peter 2:9-10)
 - To be His new "race" that is clearly visible to the rest of the world.
 - To be His "priesthood" representing Him before people and people before Him
 - To be "holy" or other-than the rest of the world as we obey and serve Him
 - To "proclaim" His excellencies to the rest of the world that desperately needs Him.
- If we don't know why God created the church to be it won't be as important to us as it should be. (Ephesians 4:11-16)
 - A place to connect
 - A place to grow
 - A place to serve in
 - A place to serve from
- If we don't know how God created the church to work, it won't be as important to us as it should be
 - We gather to learn and grow together
 - We scatter to use what we have learned