



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Why Church?

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Previous Lessons

Foster Care Teens

Personal Care Items

We are still collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Genesis 2:18

Sunday



Why Church?

Last Sunday, we looked at why it's important for Christians to attend Church. We started with a video clip of young adults giving their reasons (excuses) for not going to Church. We then discussed some of the excuses they gave and said that many of the reasons have to do with misconceptions or expectations.

1- You don't have to go to Church to be a good person. We said that was very true. There are many "good" people who don't go to Church just as there are many "bad" people who do go but that misses the whole point of going to Church.

2- It doesn't look like it makes a difference. We said that people rightly expect to see a difference in the people who attend Church, and it is true that we are called to be different from the world. But, of course, not everyone at Church is at the same level. There are those live differently and others who may not.

3- I don't have time. Seriously?!?! 168 hours in a week and you can't spare just 1 for God? We also said that the funny thing about time is that we actually do have the time to do **everything** that we **CHOOSE** to do. So,

¹⁸ The Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

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when you say that you don't have time for something, you're really saying, "I don't choose to do that".

4- Church is judgmental and hypocritical. We said that some definitely are and others maybe not so much but Churches are full of a bunch of imperfect humans so what else would you expect? Jesus came to save the sinners, not the righteous.

5- I don't need to go to Church to believe in or have a relationship with God. We said that is absolutely true but that's not what Church is really all about.

We said that in the New Testament, the word Church never referred to a building or even a specific place. Jesus and His Disciples taught wherever the people were who needed to hear the "Good News". Church was anywhere and everywhere people were. The word Church in the New Testament instead referred to a group of believers gathered together for a purpose.

This purpose included praising God, teaching God's word and most importantly, having fellowship with other believers. Church is about the people.

Being part of a Church is important to provide believers with support, encouragement, protection, help, accountability, guidance, and fellowship with other like-minded believers as well as to work together for God's purpose.

God's design for the Church is not only for people to build their relationship with Him but maybe more so to help us build a strong relationship with each other.

We said that during the whole covid mess, people were separated and isolated. Even many Churches were closed down at a time when we needed them most. We adapted with streaming/online services which were okay for the moment but those watching at home missed a major part of what Church is all about.

We looked at **Genesis 2:18** to see that after God created everything and said that it was "good", there was one thing that He said was **NOT** good.

God said, "it was NOT good for the man to be alone".

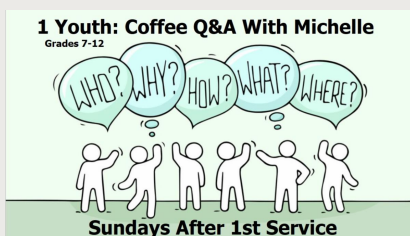
We said we were created to have a relationship with God and also to have a relationship with each other.

We said you can absolutely worship God at home and even have a relationship with Him on your own. You can receive God's word through videos or streaming services, and read the Bible or listen to podcasts, but

you don't have the very important fellowship with other like-minded believers. Fellowship with other believers is what holds it all together.

We also said that fellowship with other believers, at Church, can help you have the abundantly awesome life that God has promised each of us. We remembered that God created each of us with gifts and talents to be shared with each other. You never know who needs your talents or who's talents you may need to help you have that abundant life.

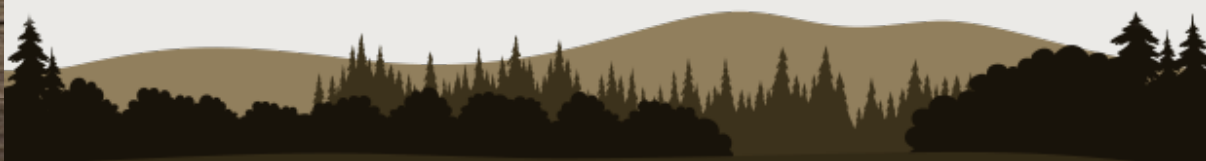
We ended the lesson with a challenge to go introduce yourself to somebody at Church who you don't know. We even added an additional bonus challenge to do this every week when you come to "The Church".



NEW!!!

Coffee Q&A with Michelle
has moved to **Sundays!**

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, after 1st service, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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