

CALL TO COMMITMENT #1 COMMITTED TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Consider these questions

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH DO FOR ME?

Provides a place for emotional support.

GAL 6:2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

Provides a place for spiritual support.

HEB 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some [is]; but exhorting [one another...exhort meaning to incite argument or encourage.

Provides a place for personal development.

1. Develop gifts

1PE 4:10 As every man hath received the gift,[even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

2. Develop doctrine

ACS 2:42 And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.

3. Develop relationships - fellowship

Provides a place for spiritual identity.

ACS 4:23 ¶ And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

How should I choose a church?

Its statement of purpose.

Ask yourself "Am I accepted here as a believer?"

EPH 4:4 [There is] one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

EPH 4:5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

EPH 4:6 One God and Father of all, who [is] above all, and through all, and in you all.

Its style.

Ask yourself, "Do they worship in spirit and truth?"

JOH 4:23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

JOH 4:24 God [is] a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship [him] in spirit and in truth.

Its strategy.

Ask yourself, "Does this church emphasize missions? Are they reaching outside the church?"

ACS 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Its structure.

Ask yourself, "Is there order to the move of God and in worship?"

1CO 14:40 Let all things be done decently and in order.

Why should I join a church?

Joining together in unity maximizes outreach.

Ecc 4 9 "Two are better than one..."

To place myself under the umbrella of accountability by submitting to a form of government or authority.

ROM 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

ROM 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

ROM 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same:

ROM 13:4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to [execute] wrath upon him that doeth evil.

ROM 13:5 Wherefore [ye] must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake.

ROM 13:6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing.

ROM 13:7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute [is due]; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

ROM 13:8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law.

To give myself for what Jesus gave himself for.

EPH 5:25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

My family, my finance, and my future are all related to my relationship to the church.