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Small Group Homework

For the week of: October 29, 2017

Guest Speaker: Pastor Scott Rodgers

"I Don't Need to Go to Church to Be a Christian"

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. This weekend we were reminded that attending church is not merely a biblical suggestion but an imperative. What are some of the excuses people give for not having to attend church regularly?
2. What are some of the areas in your life you receive spiritual benefits from attending church regularly?

Are there any areas that do not receive benefits?

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Scott made it clear that technically we do not have to attend church to be a "Christian" but said, "that statement is misleading." The word "church" is mention in the New Testament 114 times. Read the verses below and write down what theses verses say some of the purposes of gathering together are.

Hebrews 10:24 – 25

I Corinthians 12:27

Acts 2:42 – 47

Matthew 28:19 - 20

2. Acts 2:42 - 47 says that the believers devoted themselves to:
 - The Apostles teaching
 - To fellowship
 - Sharing of meals (including communion)
 - Sharing of the resources they had
 - Worshiping together

In vs 43 it says that, "A deep sense of awe came over them all."

Why do you think the Lord values these simple acts so highly in the body of believers? Explain what the purpose of each have to do with "church."

3. The church was never meant to led by one gifted person that all others gathered around. The church was meant for the whole body to function as a single unit. Read the following verse and compare what they say the church ought to look like and how the body should operate

Ephesians 4:11 – 13

I Corinthians 12:12 - 26

I Peter 4:7-11

Romans 12 4 - 8

4. It's been said that you will never be more in the will of God than when you are serving others. Share with the group what gifts, skills and abilities the Lord has equipped you with to serve others?

How can these "gifts" be used in the body of believers (church)?

TAKING IT HOME

Cornerstone currently has many open positions for you to use your gifts.

Where will you serve?

Prayer Requests:

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