

Everyone in the House Sunday

Psalm 122:1 I was glad when they said to me,
"Let us go into the house of the Lord."

Why we come to church: Benefits:

1. We honor God.
2. We want to.
3. Personal growth & victory.
Psalm 92:13 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.
4. Obedience.
5. Dynamic interaction.

Two reactions I hear:

When there is low attendance:
"Where are all the people?"

When people show up:
"Wow, things are happening."

Q) Why are pastors concerned about people who don't go to fellowship?

#1 - It is their job

- Proverbs 27:23 Be diligent to know the state of your flocks,
- Jeremiah 3:15; "And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding"
- Ezekiel 34:11-12 "For thus says the Lord God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. 12 "As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.



Miss a service – Miss a feeding

Understand the dynamics of supernatural favor (Above the natural)

Acts 2:42-43 They continued steadfastly in ... Fellowship ... many signs and wonders were done through the apostles

Acts 2:46-47 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple ... Praising God and having favor with the people, and the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Top Reasons Christians don't attend fellowship:

1. Too busy.
2. Vacations.
3. Recreation.
4. Leisure "Just needed time to myself."
5. Sports.
6. Relative's birthday.
7. Mothers - Fathers Day
8. Holidays.
9. Work "I have to make a living."
10. Stay up too late Saturday watching TV.
11. Don't feel like it; Need my rest.
12. Need to spend time with family.
13. Personal philosophy:
 - a. "Shouldn't spend too much time in church."
 - b. "Everyone needs a break."
 - c. "Church isn't that important."
14. Had bad experience in previous church.
15. "I don't like to be around people, and get involved in their lives. I'm a hermit."
16. Too many hypocrites.
17. Need to do chores.
18. I don't like to be expected to go to church.
19. Churches don't have their act together.
20. "I don't have to go to church to be a Christian".
21. Husband or wife doesn't want me to.



The Promise:

Isaiah 58:13-14 "If you turn away your foot from the Sabbath, From doing your pleasure on My holy day, And call the Sabbath a delight, The holy day of the Lord honorable, And shall honor Him, not doing your own ways, Nor finding your own pleasure, Nor speaking your own words, 14 Then you shall delight yourself in the Lord; And I will cause you to ride on the high hills of the earth, And feed you with the heritage of Jacob your father. The mouth of the Lord has spoken."



Ask not what the kingdom of God can do for you, but what can you do for the kingdom.

Hurdles of building a church from scratch: Today's world

1. Lack of the fear of the Lord.
2. Compromise of biblical worship, gifts of the Holy Spirit.
3. Curse of Cain: Gypsy's & vagabonds.

Genesis 4:12 "When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

- No loyalty; Running around from church to church.

4. People want it easy.
5. They can't hide in a small church. (Average church in America is less than 100)



The Challenge:

1. Be called:

I Corinthians 12:18 But now God has set the members each one of them in the body just as He pleased.

2. Have a sense of mission:

1 Samuel 10:26 And Saul also went home to Gibeah; and valiant men went with him, whose hearts God had touched.

3. Be committed & involved:

Luke 4:16 So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom (habit) was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner (habit) of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.