

Answer Key:

The Start of the Church...

- 50
- called out
- born again
- Peter
- details

The Purpose of the Church...

- point
- grow

Do I need to go to Church?

- YES
- identify

Just the Facts...

- repeatedly
- pattern
- worship / taught

10 Reasons to go to Church....

1. Preaching
2. Corporate
3. learn
4. Gifts
5. Leaders
6. mentor
7. love
8. Light
9. burdens
10. God

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You asked for it!

Part 2

Why do I need to go to Church?

Hebrews 10:25 NLT

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

The Start of the Church...

- The church began on the Day of Pentecost, _____ days after the Passover when Jesus died and rose again.

Acts 2:1 GWT

When Pentecost, the fiftieth day after Passover, came, all the believers were together in one place.

- The word translated "church" comes from two Greek words that together mean "_____ from the world for God."

- The word is used throughout the Bible to refer to all those who have been

_____.

- The word *church* first appears in when Jesus tells

_____.

Matthew 16:18 NIV

"On this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."

- The book of Acts _____ the beginning of the church and its miraculous spread through the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Purpose of the Church...

- To _____ people to Jesus. (Evangelism)

Luke 3:16 NLT

"John answered their questions by saying, "I baptize you with water; but someone is coming soon who is greater than I am—so much greater that I'm not even worthy to be his slave and untie the straps of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

- To help each other _____ in Jesus. (Spiritual growth)

1 Peter 1:3-8 NLT

"The more you grow like this, the more productive and useful you will be in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The church is instrumental to grow!

Do I need to go to Church?

- _____!

1 John 1:3 NLT

"We are telling you about what we ourselves have actually seen and heard, so that you may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ."

WHY?

- To _____ your life with the person of Christ is to join your life with the other people of Christ.

John 13:34 NIV

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."

You are the church!

We are the church together.

All who follow Jesus, all around the world!

Yes, we are the church together.

The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple, the church is not a resting place, the church is a people."

Just the Facts...

- The New Testament _____ emphasizes the importance of local assemblies.
- It was the _____ of Paul's ministry to establish local congregations in the cities where he preached the gospel.
- Simply put, the Bible tells us we need to attend church so we can _____ God with other believers and be _____ His Word for our spiritual growth.

Acts 20:7 NIV

"On the first day of the week we came together to break bread."

Nothing is more important to God than His church. Think about it this way, He (God) paid the highest price for it, and He wants it protected, above all from division, conflict, and discord. As a member of the church (the body of Christ) it is your responsibility to protect the unity of your fellowship.

10 Reasons to go to Church....

1. To hear the _____ of the Word.

Hebrews 4:12 NLT

"For the word of God is alive and powerful. It is sharper than the sharpest two-edged sword, cutting between soul and spirit, between joint and marrow. It exposes our innermost thoughts and desires."

2. To take part in _____ Worship.

John 4:24 Message

"It's who you are and the way you live that count before God. Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth. That's the kind of people the Father is out looking for: those who are simply and honestly themselves before him in their worship."

10 Reasons to go to Church....

3. People _____ from each other.

Proverbs 27:13 GNT

"People learn from one another, just as iron sharpens iron."

4. To exercise Your _____.

Romans 12:6 GWT

"God in his kindness gave each of us different gifts. If your gift is speaking what God has revealed, make sure what you say agrees with the Christian faith."

10 Reasons to go to Church....

5. To encourage your _____.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

"So, encourage each other and build each other up,"

"The True Church can never fail. For it is based upon a rock."

T.S. Eliot

6. To find godly men and women to _____ others.

Titus 2: 1 NIV

"You, however, must teach what is appropriate to sound doctrine."

10 Reasons to go to Church....

7. To teach our children and students to _____ church.

Luke 6:40 NLT

Students are not greater than their teacher. But the student who is fully trained will become like the teacher.

8. To be the _____ to our Community.

John 13:35 NIV

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

10 Reasons to go to Church....

9. To bear each other's _____.

Galatians 6:2 GNT

***Help carry one another's burdens, and in this way you will obey^[a]
the law of Christ.***

10. Because _____ say to.

1 Corinthians 14:26 GNT

"Everything must be of help to the church."

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ENCOURAGEMENT THAT GOD WANTS TO PROVIDE ME WITH
THROUGH THE LOCAL CHURCH – AND QUITE SELFISH – I'M
SAYING THAT I WON'T ENCOURAGE THOSE IN MY LOCAL CHURCH."**

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Final Reason....

- To **share** the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost World.

Matthew 28:18-20 NCV

"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All power in heaven and on earth is given to me. So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach them to obey everything that I have taught you, and I will be with you always, even until the end of this age."

Closing:

The church is God's instrument to deliver the message of transformation to our communities and to the world.

You will discover in the Bible that God's favor rests on the church, and communities.

When God transforms lives, He does not just build temples of the Holy Spirit in the individuals,

He builds His church by adding more lives to the body.

Now Go!