

Answer Key:

Who Created the Church?

- Jesus
- Pentecost
- called out
- Acts
- key
- salvation
- body

Why You need the Church.

- journey

1. center •ourselves!

2. connect •isolated / practice.

3. cultivate • baby •discipleship!

4. contribute •consume •abilities!

5. communicate • accept / pass •showing!

Commit today to

- Love
- Love
- Grow
- Serve
- Share

Encourage

Part 7

“Attend”

Acts 5:42 Message

“Every day they were in the Temple and homes, teaching and preaching Christ Jesus, not letting up for a minute.”

Introductory Statement

The Church is the most magnificent concept ever created. It has survived persistent abuse, horrifying persecution, and widespread neglect. Yet despite its faults (due to our sinfulness), it is still God’s chosen instrument of blessing and has been for 2,000 years.

Who Created the Church?

• _____!

Matthew 16:18 KJV

- The church began on the Day of _____, fifty days after the Passover when Jesus died and rose again.
- The word translated “church” comes from two Greek words that together mean “_____ from the world for God.
- The book of _____ details the beginning of the church and its miraculous spread through the power of the Holy Spirit

- The presence of Christ is the _____ to the life of the church.
- God uses the church to introduce _____ to those who do not know him,
- The church is the _____ of Christ—all those who have placed their faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.

Not only is Christ the founder of the church but he is also the foundation of the church.

- God created His church so that we would not have to do the _____ by ourselves.

1. The Church helps you to _____ your life around God.

Jude 1:20-21 Message

"...friends, carefully build yourselves up in this most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit, staying right at the center of God's love, keeping your arms open and outstretched, ready for the mercy of our Master, Jesus Christ. This is the unending life, the real life!"

The New Testament repeatedly emphasizes the importance of local assemblies. In fact, it was the pattern of Paul's ministry to establish local congregations in the cities where he preached the gospel. Hebrews 10:24-25 commands every believer to be a part of such a local body and reveals why this is necessary.

Why You need the Church.

- We must remember that God did not put us on this earth just to live for _____.

2 Corinthians 5:14 Message

"Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own."

Question: Is your life centered on God?

2. The Church helps you to _____ with other followers of Christ.

Romans 12:5 GWT

"...Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other..."

- God did not put you on this earth to live _____, His plan was for each one of us is to _____ loving others in HIS FAMILY.

Romans 12:5 Message

"The body we are talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we would not amount to much..."

Did you know: That being connected to the church is proof of your salvation!

God wants our congregation to do much more than just come to church, focusing on more than just how they can benefit from what the church has to offer. His people are to be the church toward a world in desperate need of its message –growing more like Jesus and doing their part to conduct His mission.

3. The Church helps you _____ spiritual maturity.

Ephesians 4:16 NCV

The whole body depends on Christ, and all the parts of the body are joined and held together. Each part does its own work to make the whole body grow and be strong with love.

- God does not want you to remain on this earth a spiritual

_____.

Ephesians 4:12-13 GWT

"Their purpose is to prepare God's people to serve and to build up the body of Christ...until we become mature, until we measure up to Christ, who is the standard."

- The Bible calls this process: _____

Ephesians 4:15 Message

"God wants us to grow up, to know the whole truth and tell it in love—like Christ in everything."

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.

2 Peter 1:5-7 Messages

"So don't lose a minute in building on what you've been given, complementing your basic faith with good character, spiritual understanding, alert discipline, passionate patience, reverent wonder, warm friendliness, and generous love, each dimension fitting into and developing the others."

4. The Church helps you _____ something back.

Ephesians 2:10 Living Bible

"God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others."

- God did not put you on this earth to just _____ resources and live for yourself.

2 Timothy 4:5 NLT

"...fully carry out the ministry God has given you."

- You and I are to use our _____ to serve others in God's love.

Hebrews 6:10 NLT

"He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do."

5. The Church helps you _____ God's message.

2 Corinthians 5:18-20 NCV

"Through Christ, God made peace between us and himself, and God gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with him...he gave us this message of peace. So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is as if God is calling to you through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God."

- God did put you on this earth to _____ Him as Lord and Savior, now He expects you to _____ it on.

1 Peter 2:9 Message

"You are... God's instruments to do his work and speak out for him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference he made for you."

"If you know that God loves you, you should never question a directive from Him."
Henry Blackaby

- Your mission involves more than speaking, not just sharing it, but _____ it.

Philippians 1:27 NCV

***"...live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ...
standing strong with one purpose, that you work together as one
for the faith of the Good News,"***

***A Great Commitment
To the Great Commandment
And the Great Commission
Will produce Great Christians
And a Great Church***

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."

- Commit to _____ Jesus Christ.
- Commit to _____ other believers
- Commit to _____ in God's Word.
- Commit to _____ - in ministry.
- Commit to _____ the Good News

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***We exist to love God, love others, serve others, grow in Christ,
and share the Good News!***

Commit today to

Romans 1:12 NCV

Make Every Day Count!