



Introduction

It's time to go to school. It's time to go to practice. It's time to go to work. And it's time to go to church. After all, we "go" to these things, right? Well, not exactly. While a church might appear like a place, it's way more than a building. Paul explained that to the first-century church. And we might need a reminder.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is it so tempting to view church as a destination?
2. Read Ephesians 2:22. In the Old Testament, God would dwell in the temple. But now, God dwells in the church. Why would God move his residence from a physical building to a body of people?
3. If we view church as a place, instead of as a people, how does it limit our ability to love and serve others?
4. Since church is a body (not a building), what can you do to experience church outside the walls of a physical building?
5. Jesus indicated that our connection with God is more relational than religious. If you are not yet a believer, how could this reality change your view of God?

Moving Forward

The idea of "going to church" can be misleading. Christians don't go to church. Instead, they are the church, anchored in Jesus Christ. The Christian faith is not based on a sacred space, but a sacred relationship—a relationship with Jesus Christ. You don't need a building to start or restart believing. Sure, there are great reasons for buildings. It's important to gather. But it's not required for faith.

Changing Your Mind

In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

– Ephesians 2:21–22