

WHAT'S THE POINT OF CHURCH?



Giving

Introduction

The Church. What's the point and who really needs to be a part of it? Why should we belong to something so archaic and so narrow? The culture around us seems to ask this question relentlessly, but what is the answer? From God's original intent for His church, to the ways in which He uses us today, and the reasons why people attend and leave the church, this series emphasizes the importance of the church.

Pray

Don't forget that if anything significant happens, it's because God moved. Start by asking God to bless this time.

Practice Truth

1. If you haven't already read it, begin by reading Luke 12:13-21
2. Would you consider yourself a generous person?
3. Have you seen things that were meant to bring people together, drive people apart? How did that happen?
4. What is the difference between a resume virtue and a eulogy virtue? Which have you been more attentive in your life?
5. Dirk said that appetites (for food, sex, power, stuff) are never fully and finally satisfied. What are some of the dangers of not managing our appetites as it relates to greed? Where have you seen this? What is one commitment you can make to better manage an appetite?
6. How does generosity free you to live a better, more complete life?

Leader's Tip

Encourage your group to meet in your absence. If they don't, it gives the impression the group cannot exist without you.

Do Life Together

Did you chose to participate in the Giving Challenge? Why or why not? Who did you bless? How did it help you see God? What did you learn or experience?