

# WHAT'S THE POINT OF CHURCH?



## Groups

### 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. How did you keep from being lonely over the pandemic?
2. Share a story about how having a close friend either made the joys in life better or the valleys not so deep.
3. Would you consider yourself relationally poor (i.e. do you have deep trusted relationship with people other than a spouse)? Why?
4. Why do you think Dirk said, "Even better than a personal relationship with God is a shared relationship with God"?
5. Discuss the statement: Social media creates an epidemic of deferred loneliness. Agree or disagree?

#### 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

Relational health comes at a cost—maybe time, maybe comfort, maybe a fear of rejection, maybe the cost is not getting to wear a mask of perfection anymore. What makes you most nervous about Doing Life Together? What are the upsides?

