

CONNECTED

WHERE LIFE AND RELATIONSHIPS BEGIN



New International Version is used for questions

1. Read 1 Corinthians 12:21-27. What truths should we take from this passage about the church? What lie does it refute?
2. Read Hebrews 10:24,25. What do you think happens to the believer who does neglect meeting regularly with other Christians?
3. Read Acts 2:46,47. Where did the first church consistently meet together? What was the reason for each of these two different places they met?
4. Read Ephesians 4:16. What do you think it means to be engaged at church? What are three things Pastor Rick said you can do to help to become engaged?
5. We have all been given a spiritual gift to use in the church, what is a spiritual gift? How can you discover yours?
6. What are the three things we can do to begin being transparent with each other?

church, b. We are all important to the healthy function of the church and it is important that we all participate: c. we should all be helping each other to accomplish the goals God has set for the church, his purposes. The lie it refutes is that it does not matter if I get involved in a local church, I can be a “Lone Ranger” Christian.

2. *A person who neglects connecting to other believers will struggle in their relationship with the Lord and will have no help or encouragement in those struggles. It is impossible to accomplish what God wants you to accomplish without the church.*
3. *The early church met in two locations: a. the first was that everyone would go to the temple courts to listen to the teaching of the apostles in order to learn the Word of God and then they met in homes to have communion and fellowship. The reason was that you could not accomplish fellowship in the meetings at the temple in such a large group of people and you could not learn from the apostles the truths of Christianity in the homes.*
4. *To be engaged at church means to be involved in the work of building the church that God has planned for each of us, to accomplish the five purposes God has for us in the community of believers. The three things were: a. Take one intentional step toward involvement this week; b. Stay after service and interact with others instead of leaving quickly; and c. Introduce yourself to someone and start a conversation.*
5. *A spiritual gift is an ability to minister to others and build up the body of Christ that was given to you by the Holy Spirit when you believed. It will be easier for you to minister to others in the area of your gift than it is for others to do the same thing. You will get the most personal satisfaction serving using your gift than in any other area you serve. You can discover your spiritual gift mainly by beginning to serve somewhere and take note of what seems to be easy and fulfilling for you to do. You should learn what the spiritual gifts are and how they are used to build up others, because that is their purpose. You can take a spiritual gift evaluation like the one we do in our 301 Membership class to begin to get an idea of what your gift might be.*
6. *What are the three things we can do to begin being transparent with each other? The three things are: a. Open up to someone in church beyond surface-level conversation; b. Ask for prayer instead of pretending everything is fine; and c. Choose connection instead of isolation, especially when life gets hard.*