

Why Church

Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon Discussion Questions

December 10, 2023

1. Have you ever struggled with the question “why church”? What did it look like to struggle through the answer to that question? Can you provide any insights to your friends from your experience?
2. What value do you, personally and spiritually, find in being a part of the local church community? Have you had seasons of life when you suffered from not being involved with a local church community?
3. Does this sermon leave you with any further questions surrounding this passage? Where can you make time in the next week to bring these questions to God and other wise, godly counsel in your life?
4. How does this sermon bring some more context to the verse “for where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them”? How has this sermon deepened your understanding of this verse? What are some of the other implications of this statement from Jesus?
5. If someone asked you “why did Jesus only mention ‘the church’ twice during his earthly ministry?”, how might you respond to them?
6. How can participating in a local church help bring Jesus to a lost and dying world? As a Christian, what is your personal responsibility in this mission?
7. **Read Ephesians 4:11-16.** How does this inform the value of each person participating in the local church? What can we accomplish when we are working together in unity? Re-read verse 16. Are you, as an individual part, working properly? What is your part to play here at Calvary?