

Tough Questions

Do I Have to Go to Church to be a Christian? Week 8

Getting Started:

As an adult, have you been the type of person who quits easily or does not finish random things your start (i.e., reading books, household projects, etc.)? How do you determine when it's time to quit and when to keep pressing forward?

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Questions:

Prior to watching the video, did you feel that church attendance was necessary to be a Christian?

Digging Deeper:

When we talk about "church," there can be varying definitions, whether a gathering of people or a physical building. How do you define the "church"? Explain your definition and why you define it that way.

Do you feel that being a part of a significant Christian community impacts your spiritual growth and deepen your connection with God? Explain.

The Bible encourages believers to meet regularly, pray, and support one another. Share a personal experience or example of how these practices have strengthened your growth in Christ.

How do you relate to the idea that a sportscar is designed to be on the road or on the track to the idea that humans are designed for community? Do you agree that not attending church can hinder individuals from fully realizing their purpose in God's plan?

Attending church allows us to fulfill God's design and use our gifts to benefit others. Share a time when you've seen this in action within your community. Personally, what unique contributions have you made to your church family?

Answer Key:

Is church a location or a way of life?

Nowhere does scripture mandate that one must attend church as a condition of salvation.

While <u>scripture</u> does not <u>command Christians</u> to <u>attend church</u>, it does speak powerfully about the <u>blessing</u> of the <u>church community</u>.

When we live in community, we live as part of God's plan.

