

Commit to Church

1 Peter 2:5-6

A commitment to God is made manifest through a commitment to church. 1 John 3:1 & 16-18

A biblical history of God's people
Ephesians 5:25; Deuteronomy 4:10; Acts 7:8

The "Church" is the community of all true believers for all time.

God created man for fellowship and for community.
(knowing Him and making Him known)
Gen. 1:27; Gen. 2:18; Gen. 2:17; Gen. 3:6-7; Gen. 3:7-24; Gen. 12:1-3;
Exodus ch. 31-32; Joshua ch. 1-5; 1 Kings ch. 6

God's people were in God's land and they were to be a light to all the Gentile world.

God's people today — The church

Through Jesus the New Testament church was birthed.
John ch. 2; 1 Peter 2:5-6, 9; Hebrews 4:14-16; Ephesians 2:19-22

Committing to the local Church 1 Peter 5:2-4

The importance of church membership is how God shepherds your soul! Psalm 23, 100; Ezek 34; John 10:10

It is important to have leaders and mentors in the local church

God's purpose is for all of us to grow in Christlikeness, this is called sanctification.
John 3:19-20; 1 John 1:7-10

Church community and fellowship is where spiritual maturity occurs.
Galatians 5:22-23; Romans 12:4-6; 1 Corinthians 12:4-7

It is also where callings are affirmed
Acts 9; Acts 11:25-26; Acts 13

It is where we find comfort in trials
James 1:2-4

But most importantly it is how Christ is reflected to the world!
John 17:20-21; John 15:12-13; John 13:34-35