



Sermon Notes - October 5, 2025

Why Go to Church?

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Introduction -

Acts 2: 42-47. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved

Question: What if the Church today was what Jesus intended it to be?

Ekklesia - "those who are the called-out ones. Assembly. Gathering.

Matthew 16: 13-20 - "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church (Ekklesia), and the gates of Hades (death) will not overcome it.

3 things to bring this together....

#1. Jesus is still building His Ekklesia and we can be a part of that.

#2 You are the church. You are the walking and talking church to the world around you.

#3 Jesus is the model we follow. His words, His actions, His love should characterize our lives.

A Prayer for all of us – based out of Ephesians 3: 14-21

God, thank You that I am part of Your Ekklesia, a chosen people, and not just an individual in a building. Father, strengthen me with power through Your Spirit, that I may be an accurate reflection of You in this world. Help me, as a part of this church, to serve others with humility, love, and compassion, working with all believers for Your purpose. Remind me that I am the walking and talking church to the world around me this week. Thank you for being with me every moment.

Coming up at MLCC:

**Operation Christmas Child
Shoe Boxes
available today!**

October 13th
Seniors Ministry
Coffee Klatch 10am

October 25th
Grief Share Loss of Spouse
10am –12 pm

October 31st
Candyland-Trunk or Treat
5:30-7:30pm

Grief Share
Mondays 6:30pm

Men's Bible Study
Tuesdays 6:30pm

MLCC EverPraise Kids' Choir
Thursdays 6:30pm

Women's Bible Study
Thursdays 6:30pm

Women's Fitness
Mondays & Thursdays 10am

Junior High Youth
Wednesdays 6-8pm
(Doors open at 5:30)

Senior High Youth
Sundays 6-8pm
(Doors open at 5:30)

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