


# 7 THINGS MORE IMPORTANT THAN COMING TO OUR CHURCH

## Invitations to Church

- a. Inviting people to church is good. (Surveys say people may come out if invited. )
- b. Modern church growth method: 1) get them to church, 2) relate, 3) integrate, 4) train.
  - i. (This has resulted in a lot of unsaved people in churches.)
- c. We don't make it a priority to invite people at our booth ministry. *Why not?*
  - i. It doesn't work if they 'have a church' (which can mean 70%, 2-10x per year)
  - ii. It doesn't work if the booth is too far away from your church (or no church)
  - iii. People more likely to take and read a tract than come out by blind invitation.
  - iv. It can be too much for those who are lost or couldn't care less about the Bible.
  - v. It is less honest and transparent, 'just come out and see' sounds like a trap
  - vi. There are things more important than coming out to our church.

## 1. Knowing God

- a. You knowing God is more important than relationship to others (or coming to church)
- b. The house of God is not made of brick and mortar - 1 Tim 3:15, 1 Cor 3:16, Eph 2:22

## 2. Your Salvation

- a. It should be repeated that attending a church (even *our* church) does not save you.
- b. For too long verses like Heb 10:25 have been abused to fill up pews instead of people
- c. Jesus Christ is the only Saviour and his finished work saves through faith - Eph 2:8-9

## 3. Increasing Faith

- a. Faith is not a work/action (like attending church), but comes from hearing - Rom 10:17
- b. Your faith should increase, grow, abound in life outside church meetings - 2 Th 1:3

## 4. Understanding the Bible

- a. Bible study can be done alone with yourself and the God's word of truth - 2 Tim 2:15
- b. You can understand the Bible from books, videos, private instruction - 2 Tim 3:15-18

## 5. Doing the Will of God

- a. These 'will of God' verses can be done from anywhere - 1 Tim 2:4, 1Thess 4:3, 5:16-18
- b. We do not have church meetings in the middle of the night - Ps 1:2, Ps 119:62

## 6. Your Walk in the Spirit

- a. More important than your attendance is your walking worthy of the Lord - Col 1:4, 9-11
- b. Spiritual walk not defined by walking through church doors - Col 1:21-23, Gal 5:24-25

## 7. Your Responsibility in Work, Marriage, Family

- a. 'first to show piety at home' 'worse than an infidel' - 1 Tim 5:4, 8
- b. 'if any would not work, neither should he eat' - 2 Thess 3:10-12
- c. 'love your wives' 'bring them up in the nurture of the Lord' - Eph 4:28, 5:25, 6:4, Ti 2:5

## Why Coming Out to Church is Important

- d. What's not on the list: oversleeping, mowing grass, sports, non-social, entertainment.
- e. Some things can't be done w/o church meeting: gather, greet, eat, charity, Eph 4:16
- f. If you need help or encouragement in the above, you need to come to church.
- g. If you desire to minister these to others, then church produces faithful workmen  
- 1 Cor 4:2, 2 Tim 2:2, 2 Tim 2:15