

STEPS TO FINDING A LOCAL CHURCH

- 1) Pray: Agree with God – confess/profess your desire for obedience in this. Ask Him to help you find your place to belong, grow, and serve. And don't stop!
- 2) Consider you: It's not about you, but God has uniquely gifted you. The church is a body and that makes you a body part. Where do you fit? What can you do? Finding a church is more "I will..." than "I want..."
- 3) Consider the church: A) Theology: you need to be wrestling with yours. And you need to consider the theology of the church you join. You don't have to agree on every single point, but you should line up on the BIG STUFF. B) Style: This isn't the end all either, but it does matter. If you're a music major, you probably don't need to go to a church where the musical style or quality is going to drive you crazy! Of course, that might also be your place and opportunity to serve 😊.

So what are you looking for? What matters to you (once you've wrestled through the bigger things)?

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| • Size | • Community engagement | • _____ |
| • Style (dress, music, preaching...) | • Affiliations | • _____ |
| • Small groups, Schedule | • Diversity | • _____ |
| • Mission opportunities | • _____ | • _____ |

Do your homework!

Look at social media and talk to people who go there.
Who goes there? What to people love about it?

Being a part of a local church is a relationship. It's a commitment. And it's worth it!

The Plan: Identify 4 churches to visit	
Date	Church
Sept 4	
Sept 11	
Sept 18	
Sept 25	
<i>Narrow to 3</i>	
Oct 2	
Oct 9	
Oct 16	
<i>Narrow to 2</i>	
Oct 23	
Oct 30	Bonus visit: fall break)
Nov 6	
<i>Narrow to 1</i>	
Nov 13	(make sure you're sure 😊)
Nov 20	(make it official!)