

“I’m Done with Church!”

Text: Ephesians 2:19-22

1. In this new age, religion is in retreat from the public square, and traditional institutions like the church are no longer functioning with the cultural _____ they once held in generations past.
2. _____ established the church. It is the only institution He created.

Ephesians 2:19-22 – **“¹⁹ Now you who are not Jewish are not foreigners or strangers any longer, but are citizens together with God’s holy people. You belong to God’s family. ²⁰ You are like a building that was built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets. Christ Jesus himself is the most important stone in that building, ²¹ and that whole building is joined together in Christ. He makes it grow and become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in Christ you, too, are being built together with the Jews into a place where God lives through the Spirit.”**

3. If you are a disciple of Christ, church is not something you and I go to. It is something _____.
4. The church is not a _____ invention. The church was _____ idea.
5. Let’s change the conversation and our mindset. Rather than letting the ‘state’ of the church cause us despair and disappointment, the fact that Jesus started the church with IMPERFECT people should cause us to marvel at God’s amazing _____.
6. God could have spoken to the world directly, but instead chose to use _____ people to “showcase” His grace to a world in need of redemption, deliverance, restoration, emancipation.

7. The church can only be _____ if the followers of Christ live like the church is _____ to. Showing love, compassion, care, forgiveness, grace, humility, obedience, serving others, joy, gratitude, accountability, willingness to sacrifice, and following God's vision.