



WHY BOTHER WITH CHURCH?

FACILITATOR: You can go over GROUND RULES
if you think its needed.

REMINDE to the GROUP that when
they see this symbol **[Q]** it means
we are supposed to ASK a question
and **take time** to answer it together.



Why Bother... *What is the Church?*

FACILITATOR ASK...

[Q] Why keeps you connected to the church?

FACILITATOR READ...

The church is where you can find out who you are, how you function, and why you're here."

Hand the device to the **newest** person to the group!



Ask the Group...

[Q] What has impacted your self image the most?

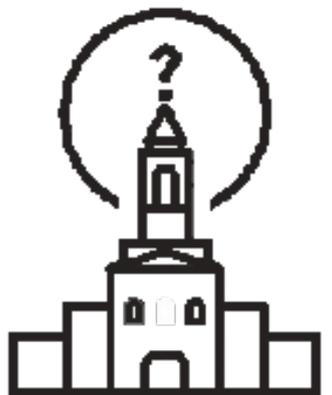
[Q] Why is this important for how you see yourself?

READ Genesis 1:26-27

26 Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Hand the device to **anyone** you want to!



REMEMBER: Take time to answer each question together!

[Q] What does it mean that you are “created” in God’s image?

READ... Terry Wardle said...

“Never base your identity on something you can lose.”

READ John 14:15-16

15 “If you love me, you will keep my commandments.

16 And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, to be with you forever,

Keep going FACILITATOR...



Read the Group...

God reveals himself as the Trinity, a community where Father, Son, and Holy Spirit interact without conflict or contradiction.

[Q] How does that affect your understanding of God?

[Q] How does that affect your understanding about yourself?

[Q] What does this say about the people in your life?

Keep going FACILITATOR...



READ this to the GROUP...

On a scale of...

1 (leave me alone) to **10** (the more better),
how would you rate your desire for community?

“Spiritual growth is the process and product of being in community. Isolated individuals cannot grow spiritually.” Gareth Icenogle

[Q] Do you Agree or disagree with this?



READ this to the GROUP...

Have you ever been “jealous” of someone on Twitter or Facebook because he or she seems to have a better story? How do you feel about your story?

READ Ephesians 2:14-22

What is it like to know you are part of this story?



READ this to the GROUP...

Someone grab their Bible or mobile device and
READ Ephesians 2:14-22

What is it like to know you are part of this story?

Are you longing to be part of the Great Story?

There is a place for you, a place where you can connect
with who you are, how you function and why you're here.

A place where you can do the same for others.



READ to the GROUP...

Why bother with church?

Because it's the place where you find your way into the Great Story and all that comes with; it's the place where you belong.

Close in prayer as a group.

