

Overcoming Disappointments

August Sermon Series

Are You Disappointed with Church?

Lesson Five



Jesus declares: “I will build my church.” (Mt 16:18)

“Church” is the translation of the Greek term ekklesia and is used in the New Testament to identify the community of believers in Jesus Christ. It literally means “assembly,” “congregation,” or “meeting.”

**The church has both a
gathered and a scattered
function.**

**1. A Church Is A Place to Gather
Weekly for Worship, But It is Up to Me
Whether I Will Experience the
Presence of God.**

Hebrews 10:25 (ESV), not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

**Church attendance is as vital to a
disciple as a transfusion of rich, healthy
blood to a sick man.**

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**True worship is God-centered
worship.**



**God *is* Spirit, and those who
worship Him must worship in spirit
and truth.”**

John 4:24 (NKJV)

**“Worship is not singing.
Worship is surrendering.”**

Amos 5:21-23 (NIV), I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them. Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps.

**We impress people with things
that do not impress God.**

**2. A Church is a Family I can
Belong to, But it is Up to Me to
Develop Friendships.**

“If you join a church, but never develop any friendships there, you will be let down. It’s just a matter of time.”

Proverbs 18:24, A man who has friends must himself be friendly, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 13:20, “Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm”

**Disconnected
people eventually disconnect.**

3. A Church is a Place Where Gifted Teachers will Explain the Bible and How I can Apply it to My Life, But it is Up to Me to Align My Life with God's Truth.

**Acts 2:42, "And they continued steadfastly
in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship,
and in breaking of bread, and in prayers."**

**Pastors cannot grow for you;
they can only create
environments conducive to
growth.**



James 1:22, But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

Proverbs 23:12, Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge.

**4. A Church is a Place Where I can
Use My Gifts, Passion, Skills,
Personality, and Life Experiences to
Serve, But it is Up to Me to Become a
Servant.**

Romans 12:6 (NKJV), Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, let us use them.

Three Basic Truths About Spiritual Gifts:



✓ A spiritual gift is like a part of the body because every part belongs and has a reason for being in the body.

✓ A spiritual gift is also like a part of the body because every part needs the other parts.

✓ A spiritual gift is like a part of the body because it does something for the body.

Matthew 20:26-28, (NKJV) But whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave— just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**“The metric for maturity is
ministry.”**



There are two kinds of church members. Those that are serving and those that believe they are deserving.

**5. A Church is a Place where I have
the Chance to Change the World by
Fulfilling the Great Commission,
But it is Up to Me to Actually
Become a Person of Impact.**

Matthew 28:18-20 (NKJV), And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.” Amen.

Romans 10:14 (NKJV), How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?

**HOW CAN YOU BECOME A
PERSON OF IMPACT?**



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- ✓ **Be an Authentic Witness.**
 - ✓ **Live Out What You Believe.**
 - ✓ **Have Compassion on People.**
 - ✓ **You Are A Soldier, Act Like One!**
 - ✓ **Advance the Kingdom Through Love.**