

Sunday Morning | February 12, 2017

FOUNDATIONS



WHY YOU NEED THE CHURCH

ACTS 2:40-47 (NASB)

I. THE BLESSINGS OF A CHURCH FAMILY

1. It's our best chance for a godly family/life.
2. It's not incidental to the Christian life but essential.

TRUTH: For too many professing Christians just showing up, taking in and going home is all Sunday worship is to them.

II. BIBLICAL CHURCH MEMBERSHIP ISN'T A SPECTATOR SPORT.

TRUTH: When a pastor gives his life to one people, the people tend to give their lives to the church!

TRUTH: Today in America, the environment between people and the church reflects a divorce rather than a marriage.

REALITY: Consumer American culture has created consumer churches.

INSIGHT: We don't do membership class LIFE 101 because it's trendy.

TRUTH: Biblical church membership was about commitment, not convenience.

INSIGHT: The Lord's Supper is not about personal blessing; it's about corporate purity (1Corinthians 11:26-28 NLT).

III. BIBLICALLY PEOPLE ARE WON TO CHRIST AND THE CHURCH FAMILY.

INSIGHT: People are being won to faith in Christ but not to the church.

IV. A BIBLICAL CHURCH KNOWS ITS MEMBERSHIP.

INSIGHT: The Church wrote letters of recommendation to keep churches pure.

INVITATION: If you sense the Lord's leadership to this church this morning, fill out a CONNECTION CARD, and leave it this morning to sign up for LIFE 101.

LIFE 101 membership class comes right after Easter.

If you need baptism, we can handle that right after you counsel with a pastor... Sign up today on a CONNECTION CARD.