

BE THE CHURCH

GOD'S FAVORITE STYLE OF CHURCH

Every Christian has their favorite style of church. We all tend to gravitate towards a type of church that meets our desired preferences. Have you ever thought about God's favorite style of church?

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Jesus' Great Commission provides a template for a lifestyle church: "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I commanded you, and behold, I am with you always even to the end of the age*" (Matt. 28:19-20).

Using those four phrases, we understand that a church is composed of disciples who have:

- a **commission** to the nations (),
- a **commitment** to the church (),
- a **commandment** for discipleship (), and
- a **communion** with Jesus ().

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF WE WERE ABLE TO MOVE THESE FROM AN ACTIVITY OF WHAT WE DO TO AN IDENTITY OF WHO WE ARE?

WORSHIP LIFESTYLE

What different types of worship styles can you think of? Psalm 34:1-3 speaks of what a lifestyle of worship looks like.

1. Worshiping the LORD should not be reserved to a _____ hour or a _____ building.
2. Our worship should be as _____ as God's presence is in our lives.
3. Proper and authentic worship keeps one _____.
4. A true worshiper has a way of bringing other _____ along.

DISCIPLESHIP LIFESTYLE

What do most people expect discipleship to be like in the local church? Hebrews 10:24-25 teaches the importance of investing in lives for the purpose of discipleship.

1. While we must study the _____ with one another, the Scriptures also indicate that we must study one _____ .
2. Each of us are stirred up to love and good works in _____ ways than works with another person.
3. For discipleship to take place, we must prioritize simply _____ together.
4. As we go forward, we are in need of Christian _____ to help us persevere.

MINISTRY LIFESTYLE

Instead of volunteering for a position, we want to unleash ministers into a calling. 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 teaches that God gives us gift with which to serve one another.

1. God has _____ wired you and intentionally positioned you for a certain calling.
2. You can't clock in and out of a _____ – it is a part of who you are.
3. God has given each of us spiritual gifts for the common _____ .
4. If _____ don't do your part, _____ are missing out.

MISSIONS LIFESTYLE

More than a program or a trip, missions is our lifestyle of sharing the good news of Jesus with others. 1 Thessalonians 2:8 provides a framework for a missional lifestyle.

1. If you truly love someone, you will be concerned with his or her _____ condition.
2. Sharing the _____ with someone always starts by sharing a _____ with someone.
3. You can't live a _____ life if you do not share a _____ message.
4. Missions is about giving Jesus' _____ and your _____ away to others.

God's favorite style of church is a lifestyle. If we could be the church rather than come to church, we would see Kingdom work not as something we do but who we actually are.
