



Acts 2: 42-47
Message + Mission + Multiply

Question

What is a Church?

First, we will Look at What a Church is Not

## It is not about entertainment!



## Question

What are some signs that someone is attending a Church for entertainment?

# Please furn to: Revelation 2: 4-5

## Revelation 2: 4-5 NIV

Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first.

# Revelation 2: 4-5 NIV

Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

The Church in Ephesus forgot why they were there and had become a place of religious entertainment!



The church that can't worship must be entertained. And leaders who can't lead a church to worship must provide the entertainment.

— Aiden Wilson Tozer —

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# Church is not about picking and choosing what you want!



## Question

What are some signs that someone is attending a Church that only teaches what they want to hear?

# Please turn to: 2 Timothy 4:1-4

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge:

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encouragewith great patience and careful instruction.

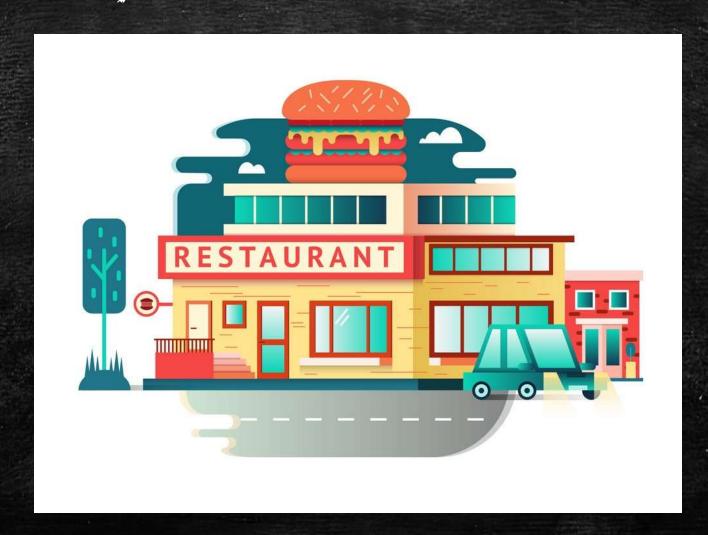
For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear.

They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.





# Church is not a place to go so you can be served!



# Question

What are some signs that someone is attending a Church so they can be served?

# Please furn to: Hebrews 5: 11-14

We have much to say about this, but it is hard to make it clear to you because you no longer try to understand.

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

If you only attend Church to be served, you will be like an infant that never learns to eat for themselves!

# Church is not a place to go on Sunday's for a quick fill up!



# Question

What are some signs that someone is attending a Church only on Sunday's for a quick fill -up?

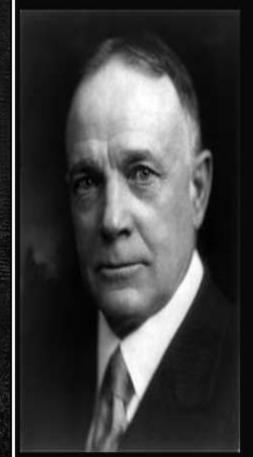
# Please turn to: Revelation 3: 14-16

#### Revelation 3: 14-16 NIV

"To the angel of the church in Laodicea write: These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation.

### Revelation 3: 14-16 NIV

I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth.



Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile.

(Billy Sunday)

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Now we will Look at God's Design for His Church!

## Acts 2: 40 NIV

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation."

# Acts 2: 41 NIV

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

#### Acts 2: 42 NIV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

So what do members of the Church devote themselves to?

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#### A Church is devoted to

1. to the apostles' teaching

Where do we find the Apostles teaching?

## Please turn to: Ephesians 4: 11-13

#### Ephesians 4: 11-13 NIV

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up

#### Ephesians 4: 11-13 NIV

until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

What else were they devoted to?

#### Acts 2: 42 NIV

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#### A Church is devoted to

- l. to the apostles' teaching
- 2. To fellowship

What is fellowship?

What are the benefits of fellowship?

## Please furn to: Hebrews 10: 23-25

#### Hebrews 10: 23-25 NIV

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,

#### Hebrews 10: 23-25 NIV

not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

DO YOU WANT TO GO to Church, Sunday School and Small Groups or do you feel YOU HAVE TO?

Did you miss the fellowship when Church was closed a Tew weeks ago due to the weather?

Do you think the members of the Church in Acts missed each other if they could not meet?

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- 3. To the breaking of bread

What does it mean to be devoted to the breaking of bread?

## Please fun to: Acts 20:7

#### Acts 20: 7 NIV

On the first day of the week we came together to break bread. Paul spoke to the people and, because he intended to leave the next day, kept on talking until midnight.

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## Please furnto: Romans 15:30-32

#### Romans 15: 30-32 NIV

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to join me in my struggle by praying to God for me.

#### Romans 15: 30-32 NIV

Pray that I may be kept safe from the unbelievers in Judea and that the contribution I take to Jerusalem may be favorably received by the Lord's people there, so that I may come to you with joy, by God's will, and in your company be refreshed.

Are we a praying

#### Acts 2: 43 NIV

Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

What do we experience in our Church when we meet?

#### Acts 2: 44 NIV

All the believers were together and had everything in common.

What does it mean that they had everything in common?

# Please turn to: [Corinthians I: 10

#### 1 Corinthians 1: 10 NIV

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought.

#### Acts 2: 45-47 NIV

They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

#### Acts 2: 45-47 NIV

They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

What happens when a Church is being The Church?

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### Next Week

Please read Acts 3: 1-26