

Be a Gospel Centered Church

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Passage: I Timothy 3:14-16

Main Point: The Church is the living embodiment of the Gospel.

Case Study:

God is everywhere, I'm a good person, I watch church online (or on television), and nobody has it 100% correct, are common justifications for believers to skip out on church. How would you correct a person who uses this sort of reasoning to avoid fellowship with other believers?

The Word:

1. Discuss the terms used in verse 15 for the assembly of believers: "God's household," "Church of the Living God," "Pillar and Foundation of the Truth."
2. Read Ephesians 3:2-6 and Romans 8:29. What is the mystery of godliness?
3. Why is Paul giving instructions to Timothy?

The World:

1. Why is Jesus the foundational doctrine to the Church?
2. Discuss the meaning of 16b: "He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among the nations, was believed on in the world, was taken up in glory."
3. Read Romans 12:3-5. How should the "church of the living God" operate?

The Application:

1. Why is being part of a local church important for your growth?
2. How can we encourage "churchless" believers to be involved with a church?
3. Read Revelation 19:7. Why is the Church important to God?

<u>What Questions do I have for my Family Group?</u>	<u>Key Cross References:</u>
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How to use this guide:

- **Study and discuss the passage**, not necessarily the outline of the sermon
- Don't feel pressure to ask all the questions, use your discernment based on time and needs of the group
- Engage the mind with good doctrine and move to the heart pushing toward application (A Key diagnostic for the leader to discern the health of his group is to listen "heart" conversation.