

Why Church?

Romans 15:7-13

- Why church? Why *this* church?
- Church comes from ekklesia = Called out assembly of the Lord
- Never a building; always people
- 1) All believers for all time
- 2) Local groups

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- Who makes up the church?
- Baptized converts
- Worship of Christ
- Meet and teach the Bible
- Lord's Supper
- Leaders/Pastors

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Romans 15:7-9 English Standard Version (ESV)

⁷ Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

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- Why church? What does the church do?
- Point others to an amazingly magnificent God; how?
- Accept each other
- Be accepted, acceptable, and accepting
- Bigger than showing Christ to others; it shows the world God's glory
- Talk about the Gospel

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Romans 15:9-12

¹⁰ And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” ¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” ¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.”

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- Moves to God's desire for those who don't know Him yet
- God forgives us if we don't share His passion
- We are making all efforts to move into a new location to be true to God's call in ALL areas
- Will we answer the call to glorify God...
- ...Or the call to comfort and pleasure?
- There are currently 318 untargeted people groups!
- Who are yours? Ours?

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- God's mission is the glorification of Himself through the church
- Missional living is a lifestyle of passion for God's mission
- Missionaries are 1) Every Christian 2) Those on specific work
- Mature missionaries 1) In community (v. 7) 2) To sanctification (v. 13)

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¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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- God wants your joy, hope and peace *IN HIM*
- Are you bored because you're growing up or because you have a different passion than God does?
- Power = God's bride is powerful in the Spirit
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- Filled with faith
- Who around you is encouraging your faith?
- Whose faith are you encouraging?

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- What might kill this church?
- A refusal to mature and to live a powerful Christian life
- A refusal to aggressively pursue God's mission in our context
- Building/Location...
- Jenny Lane...
- Penitas...
- Other...

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JOIN US in being the church God desires with
intensity and passion!

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