

Series: The Purpose of the Church  
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### CONNECTING WITH GOD AND WITH GOD'S FAMILY

Genesis. 2:18 "It is not good for man to be alone."

Remember: The church is not a place to \_\_\_\_\_ it's a place to \_\_\_\_\_!

#### **WHAT IS IT LIKE TO BE SPIRITUALLY CONNECTED?**

4 metaphors for being part of a church...

##### **1. IT'S LIKE BEING A \_\_\_\_\_**

Ephes. 2:20-21 (CEV) You are like a building with the apostles and prophets as the foundation and with Christ as the most important stone.

- In a BUILDING, all the connected parts \_\_\_\_\_ each other!

Ephes. 2:22 And you are part of that building Christ has built as a place for God's own Spirit to live.

##### **2. IT'S LIKE BEING A \_\_\_\_\_**

Rom. 12:4-5 (LB) "Just as there are many parts to our bodies, so it is with Christ's Body. We are all parts of it, and it takes every one of us to make it complete, for we each have different work to do. So we belong to each other, and each of us needs all the others."

- In a BODY, all the connected parts \_\_\_\_\_ together!

##### **3. IT'S LIKE BEING A \_\_\_\_\_**

Ps. 100:3 (NL7) "God made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of His pasture."

1 Peter 5:2 (ICB) "Take care of God's flock, His people, that you are responsible for. Watch over them because you want to, not because you are forced to do it."

- In a FLOCK, all of the sheep are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ for.

##### **4. IT'S LIKE BEING A \_\_\_\_\_**

1 Tim. 3:15 (CEV) "... if I am delayed, you will know how everyone who belongs to God's family ought to behave. After all, the church of the living God is the strong foundation of truth.

Rom. 12:10 "Love each other like brothers and sisters."

- In a FAMILY, the members \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

How can I get connected to this church family?

2 Cor. 8:5 (GN) "First they gave themselves to the Lord; and then, by God's will, they gave themselves to us as well."

Step #1 – Make a \_\_\_\_\_ to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior!

Step #2 – Make a \_\_\_\_\_ to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of this church!