

SERMON NOTES
“The Church – Grounded in God”
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We do not _____ to church, we _____ the church.

We come to a building that has, over the years, come to be called a church. But that can easily be misunderstood. The is people. It is _____ wherever we are.

1st Peter 2:4-5

1st Corinthians 3:16-17

We come to worship, and when we are here, we are the church _____. When we are in the community, we are the church _____.

FIRST PRINCIPLE – We are rooted in a relationship with God

Revelation 2:1-5

- If we have great _____, but become so busy executing them that we “lose our first _____”, it will be for naught.
- The church gathered will continue to:
 - Encourage active and personal interaction with the Bible
 - Host experiences such as “Simply Worship”
 - Promote a conversational relationship with God through prayer
 - Provide opportunities for service
- Bottom line: “Am I growing in Christ?”

Ephesians 4:15

Reality #1 – This focus might look messy

This body is an organism – it is not an organization. The structure supports strategy. It does not dictate strategy.

1st Corinthians 1:18-25

Reality #2 – The commitment to growing in our relationship with God may challenge our current perspectives and priorities

We genuinely want worship services to be a positive and enjoyable experience. However, we also want it to be a challenging, growing experience. Growth is not always _____ – but it is worth it.

Matthew 17:1-7

If there is no growth, we must ask –
What could you be doing differently?

What could the church be doing?

If the things we are doing are not helping you become more rooted in a relationship with God, then we need to re-evaluate.

“How Goes Your Walk?”