

BE THE CHURCH | BE INTENTIONAL
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ONE OF THE GREATEST CALLINGS I WILL EVER
RECEIVE IS TO BE JESUS' CHURCH

Matthew 16:16-18 (ESV)

But who do you say that I am?"¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

THE CHURCH

A GATHERING OF CHRIST FOLLOWERS IN
COMMUNITY FOR THE GLORY OF JESUS

WE ARE CALLED INTO A COMMUNITY,
NOT JUST AN INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 22-26 (ESV)

¹² The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. ¹³ Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.¹⁴ Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part....²² In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. ²³ And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, ²⁴ while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. ²⁵ This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad.

CHURCH IS WHO WE ARE, NOT JUST WHAT WE DO;
BUT WHAT WE DO MATTERS

BE INTENTIONAL

CHURCH DOES NOT HAPPEN BY ACCIDENT

Ephesians 5:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

IF FOLLOWING JESUS IS MY MOST VALUED PURSUIT,

THEN BEING IN COMMUNITY WITH OTHER JESUS FOLLOWERS

MUST BE MY TOP PRIORITY

HOW TO BE INTENTIONAL

START WITH YOURSELF

Hebrews 12:1-2 (ESV)

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

SURROUND YOURSELF WITH OTHERS DOING THE SAME

SHARE LIFE TOGETHER

Proximity + Vulnerability = Authentic Community