

SERMON NOTES

Today's Message: *Why show up on Sundays?*

Sermon Series: *Why Church?*

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A. Intro: CEMENT Illustrations

B. Why attend church service every Sunday? (CEMENT acronym)

- **C**elebration

"I will thank you in front of the great assembly. I will praise you before all the people" (Ps 35:18 NLT).

"They...ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" (Acts 2:46-47 NIV).

- **E**ncouragement

"Let us know give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25 NIV).

"When you come together, everyone has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. All of these must be done for the strengthening of the church" (1 Corinthians 14:26).

- **M**eeting God in Community

"I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory" (Psalm 63:2 NIV).

"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high

and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God” (Ephesians 3:17-19 NIV).

- **Empowerment (Sending off)**

“And let us consider how we might spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10:24 NIV).

“After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly” (Acts 4:31 NIV).

- **Noble rhythms (Habits)**

“Teach us to number our days aright, that we might gain a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

“Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil” (Ephesians 5:15).

- **Treasuring the Family**

“A Father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his dwelling. God sets the lonely in families, he leads forth the prisoners with singing...” (Psalm 68:5-6).

“Then (Jesus) looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers. Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother’” (Mark 3:34-35).