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The Blessing of Church Series - Part 1: Why Church?

We will answer the questions what is the church and why did God establish the church? Understanding who we are as church and the purpose of the local church will help us to understand why we come to church and to receive a greater blessing from church.

1. What is the local church?

1. People who are called out of the world to join together for God's purpose.

2. What is God's purpose for the local church?

1. The church is the pillar and ground of the truth. **1 Timothy 3:15**
2. The church is the light of the world. **Matthew 5:14-16**
3. The church is the Body of Christ. **Ephesians 1:22-23**
4. The church is a training center to serve God. **Ephesians 4:12-16**

Conclusion: God has called us out of the world to join together as a church to lift up the truth, be light to the world, bring God's wholeness to others. God has designated the church to be a training center to prepare His people to win the lost and make disciples. When we know this we can come to church with a purpose and receive and be a greater blessing at church.

Discussion questions:

1. What is the church?
2. What are God's purposes for the church?
3. Based on this sermon, what is the blessing you can receive at church?