

The Essentials: Why We Exist

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Welcome (You to Me, Me to You)

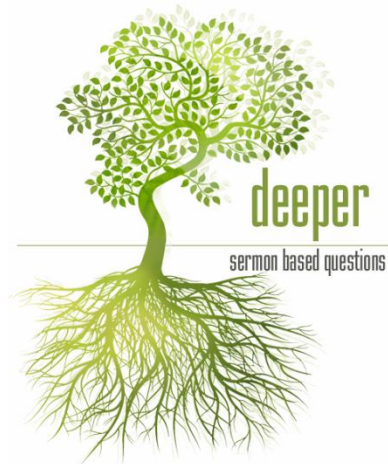
What was the best trip or activity you did this summer?

Worship (Us to God)

Read Colossians 3:12-17... We are all coming off summer and entering back into our fall routines. If you let God dwell in you throughout this coming season, your faith will be deepened and transformed. Spend a few minutes in prayer. Ask God to move in your life this fall. Ask Him to deepen your faith. And ask Him to give you the strength to do what He is calling you to do.

Word (God to Us)

1. What does the world view as the primary purpose of the Church? What have we, the Church, done to lead to that view?
2. What do you think the purpose of the Church is? How have you come to that belief?
3. Read Ephesians 2:19-22... What does Paul say about the Church in this passage? What comprises the Church? (Jesus is the cornerstone, the apostles/leaders are the foundation, and we grow together to form the Church) Why is each aspect important?
4. Building or people: What is the church? How could this view change how those outside the church perceive the church?
5. Read Hebrews 10:19-25... From the text, what was the apparent issue? How is this still an issue today? Why do you think that is so common?
6. Why do you find it important in your life to “gather together”? What benefits have you seen come from it?
7. How can you make sure that gathering stays a priority in your life throughout this season?
8. Bryan read through 5 statements this Sunday to call us into greater investment in Real Life. Which of these is the biggest challenge? What can you do to overcome the challenge?
 1. I will engage in faithful service at Real Life Christian Church.
 2. I will engage in faithful generosity at Real Life Christian Church.
 3. I will engage in faithful weekend attendance at Real Life Christian Church.



4. I will engage in faithful Life Group attendance.
5. I will engage in faithfully sharing the gospel message with those who are far from Christ.

Response: (Us to the World)

Read the 5 statements above as a Life Group. Spend some time praying that God will give you the strength to fully commit to Him and His Church.