

GROW 6 - God Living Through Us

Why should I attend church?

1. How did reading your Bible and Praying go last week? What questions do you have? What did God reveal to you about Himself or your life?
2. What Challenges did you face in your walk with God?
3. Who did you share your faith with last week?

Just as God created us for a relationship with Him, He also created us for relationships with each other. He instituted marriage for us to have an intimate relationship with another person. He instituted government so that we can live an orderly relationship with others. He also instituted the Church as a way for us to have relationships with other Jesus followers.

- **GATHERING - Why is going to church regularly important?** (Read Heb. 10:24-25)

1. God _____ it and gathering allows other Christians to _____ me as much as I _____ them!
2. Read Heb. 3:12-13 - How does engaging with others in church help you fight sin?
3. Why would attending regularly in person be important? Who can you encourage at church this week? How?

- **TEACHING** - Sermons and teachings are given so we can see the beauty of the gospel and Jesus. Learning the Bible from a teacher helps us know what pleases God and how we should live. **At church, should I accept all teaching at face value?** (Read Acts 17:11; 2 Tim. 2:15)

- Next Sunday, try the following...

1. Take _____ of the teaching/message (in Princetown App, Bible, journal, etc)
2. Go home and _____ the teaching with Scripture
3. Decide if the teaching _____ Scripture.
 - If _____, then ask God to help me obey.
 - If _____, talk with the teacher and ask for an explanation!

- **COMMUNICATION - What should be the goal of our communication?**
(Read 2 Cor. 5:9; Eph. 4:29) - **Does your life reflect these verses?**
- **Why is it wrong to talk about people behind their backs or Gossip?** (Read Prov. 11:13, 26:20; Matt. 7:12;)
- **How do I lovingly confront someone who sins against me?** (Read Matt. 18:15-20 & Gal. 6:1-5)
 1. **Evaluate Yourself First** - Read Matt. 7:3-5 -
 - A. Why would seeing your own faults help you with a confrontation?
 - B. According to this passage, what is the goal of the confrontation?
 2. Go to the person **ONE-ON-ONE** and explain your **Observation**, offer an **Interpretation** of what you are seeing, and ask for **Clarification** (How does this look from your perspective.
 - A. If the person listens, your relationship can be restored!
 - B. If the person rejects, proceed to step 2
 3. **Bring one or two others** to the person and explain the fault
 - A. If a person listens, your relationship can be restored!
 - B. If a person rejects, proceed to step 3
 4. **Take the matter to church leadership** (elders/pastors/group leaders)
 - A. If the person listens, your relationship can be restored!
 - B. If the person rejects, lovingly reach out to an elder for the next steps.
- **COMMUNION - What is the purpose of communion?** (Read Luke 22:14-20)
- Read 1 Cor. 11:17-34 and answer the following questions:
 - Who can take communion?
 - Why is it important to examine ourselves before taking communion?
 - How does the Matthew 18 principle of solving an issue with a brother impact our participation in communion?

- **RELATIONSHIPS - How do I live in healthy relationships?** Read Rom. 12:10,16; 15:5-7,15; Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13 & check all that apply:
 - Choose to love even the unlovable because Christ loved me
 - Put the interests of others before myself (humility)
 - Pretend to smile and be happy at church
 - Compliment others on their success
 - Encourage those who are discouraged
 - Ignore really annoying people
 - Seek unity with fellow Christians
 - Worship unselfishly (not demanding my preferences)
 - Care enough about others to share the truth kindly, even if it hurts
 - Help others carry their burdens
 - Forgive freely and often, as Christ forgives me

- Read Eph. 5:25-27 - **What does this say about Jesus' love for the church?**

- **Why is it important to have relationships within a church rather than trying to live the Christian life on our own?**

NEXT STEPS

1. Look over the Healthy Relationships checklist and choose one area where you need to grow or one person with whom you need to resolve an issue. Write specifically what you will do:

2. Life is better connected! God designed us for relationships with others and Him. Please join a Community Group and become involved in our supportive and life-changing communities. For more information and to find a group near you, go to princetownchurch.com/groups

LIFE CHANGE 6 - God Living Through Us

- GATHERING - Why is going to church regularly important? God **Commands** it and gathering allows other Christians to **Encourage** me as much as I **Encourage** them!
- Next Sunday, try the following...
 1. Take **Notes** of the teaching/message (in Princetown App, Bible, journal, etc)
 2. Go home and **Compare** the teaching with Scripture
 3. Decide if the teaching **Matches** Scripture.
 - If **YES**, then ask God to help me obey.
 - If **NO**, talk with the teacher and ask for an explanation!