

Asking for a Friend: Is Church Essential?

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Let's take a look at the reason why the gathering of God's people — the church — is essential. Among the many reasons the church is essential is because God's family is called to bless, to proclaim and to unity.

The Call to Bless

1. Read Genesis 12:1-3. What was God's promise to Abram?
2. Read Jeremiah 29:7. The word "welfare" is the word, "shalom." What was God's call to the people in exile?
3. Read Jesus' words in Matthew 5:14-16. What is the end result of Jesus' followers — us — being a blessing?

The Call to Proclaim

4. The church is also called to proclaim. What is the message that we proclaim according to 1 Peter 2:9-10?

The Call to Unity

5. Jesus prays for his followers to be unified in John 17:20-21. What is the result of our unity?
6. What is the call Jesus issued in John 13:34-35? What does that look like in practice?
7. In the midst of the current situation we face as a nation, how can you be that person of shalom who seeks the welfare of your community?

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