

## Why Did You Come?

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” – John 4:23-24

On Sunday, church buildings across our nation fill up with people gathering together for different reasons. For some it is for social interaction. For some it is to check the “go to church” box off a checklist. For some it is because someone made them. For some it is because of habit. For some it is to see the visiting preacher. For some it is for the dinner following services. For some it is because of the singing.

For some it is a search for something missing. For some it is a desire to worship God in spirit and truth. For some it is to feel good. For some it is to look good. For some it is good business. For some it is to surprise a loved one. For some it is to catch up on the latest gossip. For some it is to make things right with God. For some it is to take their children. For some it is to take their grandchildren. For some it is to ask for help. For some it is to see if others need help. For some it is because their name was down to perform a duty. Some have nothing better to do. For some it is to find problems so they can make excuses not to come the next Sunday. For some it is a feeling of guilt. For some it is because a religious leader wanted extra funds for the collection. For some they are looking for a church home.

“Why come?” is a valid question. In today’s world, few people realize that God spends as much time asking why we go to church as He does asking if we go to church. Why? God wants our hearts and minds to come together in holy worship to Him. He wants our lives to benefit from the teachings found in His Word. He wants us to be edified while at the same time edifying those around us. We should examine our motives to make sure they are pure in God’s sight. Only then will we truly gain the benefits of going to church!

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