

Understand that it matters where you “go to church.”

If you are going on a diet and trying to lose weight, and you are forced to choose between two restaurants for lunch, McDonalds or Subway, where do you go? Subway! Because this way I can get a healthy meal without 1500 calories! You see, where you go, directly determines what goes in you.

In a sense the same is true with churches. Where you attend determines the kind of teaching you will receive, and worship you participate in. Does it matter? Let's examine.

Biblical Teaching

We live in a pluralistic society. We like our options, but does the Bible teach that we can attend the “church of our choice?”

- **Matt 16:18- Jesus said he would build “His Church” - singular**
- **John 14:6- “I am THE way” – Exclusive statement**
- **Eph 4:3-6- The recurring theme in this text is “one”**
- **Matt 7:13-14-13 – Jesus says few will find life.**



How do I choose a place to worship?

The Bible is very clear that Christ died to establish His one church. The numerous divisions, splits, and denominations that we see surrounding us today was never the design of God. Like we do with everything else, we messed up God's plan. Since there are so many “options” but we know Christ only wanted there to be one, what kind of things do we need to look for to help us make the right choice?

- Look for a church home that teaches the importance of repentance. Acts 2:38, Acts 17:11
- Look for a church home that teaches against “once saved always saved” Revelation 2:5, Hebrews 6:4-6
- Look for a church home that teaches you are saved by grace Ephesians 2:1-7
- Look for a church home that teaches Baptism is necessary for salvation. Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 3:21

Families of Faith

How do I choose, continued.

We have examined several teachings that we need to be looking for while selecting a church home. Let's shift our focus to the church's practice, not just the teaching. Matthew 23:3 is where Jesus makes this statement "So do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do, for they preach but do not practice." – May this statement never be said about us.

- Look for a church that loves one another. Romans 12:10, Acts 2:45
- Look for a church that maintains a healthy view of God's Word. 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- Look for a church that does not add to or take away from God's Word. 1Corinthians 4:6
- Look for a church that is evangelistic. Matthew 28:18-20
- Look for a church that is looking forward to the Lord's return. Philippians 3:20
- Look for a church That is continually learning. Acts 17:11



Discussion!

1. What are some reasons you began attending this congregation?
2. Does this congregation fit the criteria stated in this class?
3. What can we as individuals do to strengthen this congregation?
4. How can we teach our children the differences between where we worship and where some of their friends from school worship?

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