

# Church Shopping

(Matthew 15:13)

- Introduction:
1. Before Jesus left this world, he promised to build his church (Matthew 16:18), and that death itself would not prevent him from doing so (Matthew 16:18).
  2. Jesus was true to his word, and did exactly that (Acts 2:38).
  3. The importance of the church is seen in that it is the body of people that Jesus will save and reconcile to his Father (Ephesians 5:23-27; 2:16).
  4. However, when deciding upon working and worshiping with a church, many people fail to ask the right questions.

## I. Questions That Are Often Asked When Church Shopping

- A. Do they have a gymnasium?
- B. Do they participate in church sports leagues?
- C. Do they have an early service?
- D. Do they have a day-care?
- E. How big/small is it?
- F. There is nothing inherently wrong with any of these questions, but surely they miss the heart of what the church is all about, don't they?

## II. Questions That Should Be Asked When Church Shopping

- A. How do they view the Bible?
  1. (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
- B. Do they teach and practice the truth?
  1. (1 Timothy 3:15; James 1:22).
- C. Are they evangelistic?
  1. (Matthew 28:19-20).

## III. Questions That Are Seldom Asked When Church Shopping

- A. What can I do to help this church?
  1. (Romans 12:4-8).
- B. Will the leaders discipline me and hold me accountable?
  1. (Hebrews 13:17).
- C. Will this church require me to sacrifice?
  1. (2 Samuel 24:24).

- Conclusion:
1. May God bless those who are search for a church home.
  2. There is a sea of confusion out there.
  3. And may we be the answer to their search.