



Notes | January 07, 2024

## Do I really need the Church?

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Church is not just a service you attend, it's the soil you're planted in.

The Church was built for community and to be a place where we learn more about who God is. It's a place where everyone can become the person God has called them to be, to live like Jesus, and to serve His people. It can be challenging to find the right community to root yourself in, but Scripture is clear about the value of church. We attend, we encounter God, we deepen our relationship with Him, and we walk in obedience to His Word.

### Key Scripture | Colossians 1:9-10

So we have not stopped praying for you since we first heard about you. We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will and to give you spiritual wisdom and understanding. Then the way you live will always honor and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn.

### Related Scriptures

Psalms 92:12-14, Ephesians 4:11-13, Mark 12:13,

### Icebreakers:

Q: What are you most looking forward to in 2024? Why?



## Key Thoughts and Reflections:

### I. Biblical Knowledge: MIND

Q: What are your rhythms with Scripture? How often are you studying it?

Q: How would you describe your knowledge of Scripture?

Q: How can the Church help your knowledge & understanding of Scripture?

### II. Spiritual Intimacy: HEART

Q: God is a person & He's personal. How have you experienced a personal relationship with God?

Q: Why is it important to have a mind and heart connection with God? Is there danger in focusing on just knowledge or heart?

Q: Do you have the tendency to focus on knowledge or heart in your relationship with God? How can you incorporate both in your relationship?

### III. Holy Obedience: WILL

Q: In what ways have you been obedient to God's will?

Q: What are common challenges with obedience? What are the joys of obedience?

Q: Holiness is to be holy as God is holy—to live like Jesus. What does it mean to you to live like Jesus?

## Get Practical

This week, spend time with God on how you can get connected to a church community? Here are a few ways to consider being part of 12Stone:

- [Join a Group](#): Registration for Groups open February 04
- [Become a Daymaker](#): Attend Growth Track in January or February
- [Take your next steps in faith](#): Talk to a Pastor