

# ***“How Necessary Is The Church In The World?”***

Lesson Text: **Acts 2:42-47.**

## **I. The Important Role Of The Church In The World.**

- **Ephesians 1:22-23.** The Church Is The People Of God On The Earth.
- **Matthew 5:14-16.** The Church Is To Shine The Example Of Christ.
- **2 Corinthians 6:17.** The Church Is A Place Of Refuge From The Sinful World.
- **1 Timothy 3:15.** The Church Is *“The Pillar And Ground Of The Truth”*
- **Acts 2:42.** The Church Is Where Collective Worship Takes Place To Honor God.
- **Luke 11:2.** Imagine If The Church Never Existed, How Would God’s Will Be Done?

## **II. Some Beliefs That Minimize The Importance Of The Church.**

- Can Our Beliefs About The Church Be Minimizing Its Importance?
- Many Look At The Church, As God’s Social Club— To Meet Social Needs.
  - Children’s Daycare, Blood Drives, Christmas Presents for the Needy, Cake Decorating, Yoga Classes, Money Management, and “Jumping Jacks for Jesus.”
- Some Just Go To Church For The Entertainment and Fun Things. **John 6:26-27.**
  - Churches Today Offer Gymnasiums, Sports Teams, Game Nights, Youth Rallies....
- Some Want To Be “Christian At Large” And Not Part Of Any Local Church **Acts 9:26.**
- Some See No Need To Assemble— They Can Worship Online- **Acts 20:7.**
- The Church As A “Second Choice” And Not The Kingdom. **Zechariah 6:12-13.**

## **III. How God, Jesus, And The Apostles View The Church.**

- God Planned & Designed The Church- **Ephesians 3:8-12.**
- Jesus Purchased The Church By His Own Blood- **Acts 20:28.**
- Jesus Carried Out The Building Of His Church- **Matthew 16:18—Acts 2:47.**
- The Apostles And Prophets Laid The Foundation- **Ephesians 2:18-22.**
- The Power And Glory In The Church- **Ephesians 3:20-21.**

## **IV. How Important Is The Church To You?**

- By Fully Devoting Ourselves To The Work Of The Church- **Acts 11:21-23.**
- By Worshiping God Regularly, And From The Heart! **John 4:23-24.**
- By Valuing The Church Enough To Be Your Priority- **Matthew 6:33.**