



Matthew 16:18 NLT

Key Scripture

...upon this rock I will build My church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.

Reasons People Do NOT Attend Church...

- ✓ "Boring."
✓ "People aren't friendly."
✓ "Preacher just wants my money."
✓ Busy lives... "Going "up north" on Sunday."
✓ "Don't want religion" or "need God."
✓ Don't feel CONNECTED.

Horizontal and Vertical Connections

John 1:35-38 NKJV

35 Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples.

36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"

37 The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus.

38 Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek?"

Connecting People to the Church...

✓ Why do you go to church? _____

Connecting To A Big Family

1 Peter 1:3 TLB

3 All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is His boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of

being born again so that we are now members of God's own family.

Now we live in the hope of eternal life because Christ rose again from the dead.

My Church...wants to help you CONNECT people to God.

Matthew 4:19-20 NKJV

19 Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

20 They immediately left their nets and followed Him.

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My Church Connects People To God

Connecting People to God

1 Corinthians 9:22-23 TLB

Yes, whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. 23 I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ.

1. Come and see.

John 1:39 NLT

"Come and see," he said. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when they went with him to the place where he was staying, and they remained with him the rest of the day.

My "Come and See" List...

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John 1:40-42 NLT

40 Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of these men who heard what John said and then followed Jesus. 41 Andrew went to find his brother, Simon, and told him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means "Christ"). 42 Then Andrew brought Simon to meet Jesus.

2. Come and follow.

John 1:43-46 NLT

43 The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Come, follow Me." 44 Philip was from Bethsaida, Andrew and Peter's hometown. 45 Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46 "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.

3. Come and believe Jesus and see heaven open.

John 1:50 PHILLIPS

Believe me," he added, "I tell you all that you will see Heaven wide open and God's angels ascending and descending around the Son of Man!"

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