

# Church Life & You

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Jesus said: Go over the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.  
Mark 16:15

When Jesus was in Jerusalem, He gave a Commission, He choose a group of guys and said to them: Go to the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. In Jesus mind, everybody should hear the Gospel.

So, we need to go and plant new churches and cover the whole globe with the message of the Gospel. There is no such thing as a Gospel Mission without a Church and Church is a **“base camp”** where people come to get prepared and they go away to climb the mountain. Let’s establish this base camp around the world and help people get to the top of the mountain.  
What is the base camp for?

## Five reasons that the church stands for

### 1. It is a place of caring for one another

That’s why the church exists, to care for one another, to supply one another’s needs, to have a sense of belonging, to share gifts, blessings and love.

#### Hebrews 10:24-25

24. And let us consider one another to provoke to love and to good works,  
25. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

### 2. It is a place of refreshment

Church is not a place of arduous work, but a place of joy.  
It’s not a place of suffering, but it is a place to laugh, rejoice and have fun.

#### Psalm 122:1 (NIV)

I rejoiced with those who said to me: Let us go to the house of the Lord.

### 3. It is a place to bring a lost indigent

When the lost come they should say, I found a place, I found peace, I’m saved.

I have been restored to a family. I’m not despised any more.

#### Luke 14:23 (NIV)

Then the master told his servant, 'Go out to the roads and country lanes and make them come in, so that my house will be full.

### 4. It is a place of being Instructed by a guide

Our service should no be as a Memorial Service, but a Resurrection Service.

Memorial is depressing, but Resurrection is joyful, instructive and enlightening

Jesus said: My Sheep knows my Voice

**John 16:13 (NIV)**

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

**5. It is a place to become relevant to your environment**

That's the problem of the church today. They are so irrelevant.

When Jesus was here, He was relevant to the people He met, but now is the time when the church should be relevant in our community, in our society, in our Town.

**Matthew 5:13 (NLT)**

"You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavour? Can you make it salty again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.