

# STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.



Why Church?

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*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Hebrews 10:23-25 (NIV)**

## 1. OUR HOPE IN CHRIST IS WHAT MAKES US THE CHURCH

“Religion is mainly advice, with a little bit of story sprinkled in, but Christianity is mainly a story with a little bit of advice sprinkled in.”  
-Sinclair Ferguson

*Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.*

**Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)**

*...those who hope in me will not be disappointed.*

**Isaiah 49:23 (NIV)**

*Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.*

**Hebrews 10:23 (ESV)**

## 2. OUR LOVE FOR EACH OTHER IS WHAT WE DO IN THE CHURCH

*And let us consider...*

*...how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,*

**Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)**

*All of you together are Christ's body, and each one of you is a separate and necessary part of it.*

**1 Corinthians 12:27 (TLB)**

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## 3. OUR MEETING TOGETHER IS WHAT KEEPS US CONNECTED TO THE CHURCH

*And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.*

**Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)**

*...not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing...*

**Hebrews 10:25 (NIV)**

*Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

**Romans 12:2 (NIV)**

Impact of Parents' Church Attendance on Kids:

- If neither parent attends - 6% chance kids will
- Mom only - 15 % chance kids will
- Dad only - 55% chance kids will
- Mom and dad - 76% chance kids will

Christianity Today: “Empty pews are an American public health crisis.”