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Maturation – Christian Biblical Worldview
Lesson 4

Presence Is Required – LESSON TWO OF 10 P's

The early church believed in coming together as believers. Their gatherings, frequently, was necessary for their growth and development as Christians. Gatherings were in homes because church building were not yet constructed. The church came together to worship, pray and provide a sense of spiritual strength for everyone present.

The modern day church member does not seem to value their presence in church as the first century church. We sometimes will not come to church until... something bad happens, or under duress, or reasons other than spiritual.

How powerful would Calvary Baptist Church become if the membership committed to being present as often as possible?

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The Big Idea: We have a responsibility as members of Calvary Baptist Church to “come to church.”

Let's examine the following verses...

- **Acts 2:42** - And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.
- **Acts 20:7** - And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to

depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.

- **1 Corinthians 16:2** - Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.
- **Romans 10:17** - So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
- **Hebrews 10:25** - Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.
- **Hebrews 13:17** - Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.
- **Ephesians 4: 11 – 16** – And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Group Questions

1. Why did the early church deem it necessary to be present with one another so often?
2. What did the early church do on the first day of the week?
3. Why is **Romans 10:17** an effective verse on teaching about the importance of our presence in church?
4. Why is **Hebrews 10:25** important in understanding why we come to church?

Make It Plain

1. Are there other things more important than committing to church attendance? Why?
2. Should we make our children come to church?