

## HOW TO GET MORE OUT OF CHURCH

Introductory Text: Hebrews 10:19-24

### INTRODUCTION

- Heb. 10:19-24—three things we should be doing because the way to God has been opened for us by our great High Priest:
  - Drawing \_\_\_\_\_ to God.
  - Holding fast to the profession of our faith.
  - \_\_\_\_\_ one another to provoke to love and good works.
- Heb. 10:25—all three depend on faithful, frequent \_\_\_\_\_ attendance.
- Acts 14:22-23—three powerful \_\_\_\_\_ for continuing in the faith:
  - Word of God
  - Local church
  - Prayer
- How to make the most out of the powerful resource of the local church.

### I. START PREPARING FOR CHURCH ON \_\_\_\_\_ EVENING (JOSH. 3:5).

- “\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves” = make ready by separating from sin, preparing your hearts, making sure you are clean.

### II. RISE \_\_\_\_\_ ENOUGH ON SUNDAY MORNING TO ATTEND SUNDAY SCHOOL (2 TIM. 3:4-5).

### III. SPEND QUALITY PERSONAL \_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD BEFORE LEAVING FOR CHURCH (PS. 100:4).

### IV. MAKE SURE YOU ARE \_\_\_\_\_ WITH OTHERS BEFORE ARRIVING AT CHURCH (MATT. 5:23-24).

### V. FIND WAYS TO SERVE GOD AND \_\_\_\_\_ OTHERS AT CHURCH (PHILIP. 2:3-5).

- The more time you spend thinking about yourself, the more \_\_\_\_\_ you will feel; but the more you think of others and meeting their needs, the better you will feel.

### VI. WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN \_\_\_\_\_ AT CHURCH (JOHN 4:23-24).

- With \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Tim. 2:8, Ps. 24:3-4).
- With all your \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph. 5:18-19).
- With \_\_\_\_\_ for God’s Word (Ps. 138:2).

### VII. FAITHFULLY \_\_\_\_\_ ALL THE SERVICES OF THE CHURCH (ACTS 2:41-47).

- If you want to get more out of church, be more at church; make your local church the \_\_\_\_\_ of your earthly life just like the believers in the Jerusalem church after Pentecost.
- Vs. 42, “Continued” = to be \_\_\_\_\_; “steadfastly” = to endure, persevere patiently and describes strength applied over \_\_\_\_\_.
  - In 4 areas, all of which take place at church.
  - Doctrine = \_\_\_\_\_;
  - Fellowship = \_\_\_\_\_;
  - Breaking of bread = communion;
  - Prayers.
- Their new life in Christ was a life of \_\_\_\_\_ with God’s people:
  - Gathering together
  - Sharing with each other
  - \_\_\_\_\_ together from God’s Word
  - Hosting each other in their homes
  - \_\_\_\_\_ together
  - Serving together
  - Praising God together
  - Vs. 46, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

### CONCLUSION

- Seven very practical steps to benefit from the powerful resource God has given us in the church. Which one(s) were for you?