

Urban Legends
"THE CHURCH IS A BUILDING"

WHAT IS THE CHURCH?

The word "church" is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, which is defined as "an assembly" or "called-out ones."

WE ARE STILL CALLED TO:

- be set apart.
- be holy.
- make a difference in the lives of people.
- serve others.
- share the Good News of Christ.

JESUS GAVE US **THE MOST IMPORTANT** THING TO DO.

²⁵ One day an expert in religious law stood up to test Jesus by asking him this question: "Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ Jesus replied, "What does the law of Moses say? How do you read it?" ²⁷ The man answered, "**You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.**" And, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'" ²⁸ "Right!" Jesus told him. "Do this and you will live!" ²⁹ The man wanted to justify his actions, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" **Luke 10:25-29 NLT**

- Love God with everything you've got.
- Love God's Son Jesus and receive salvation.
- Surrender moment by moment to the Holy Spirit.

HOW DO YOU LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF?

Parable of the Good Samaritan

³⁰ Jesus replied with a story: "A Jewish man was traveling from Jerusalem down to Jericho, and he was attacked by bandits. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him up, and left him half dead beside the road. ³¹ "By chance a priest came along. But when he saw the man lying there, he crossed to the other side

of the road and passed him by. ³² A Temple assistant walked over and looked at him lying there, but he also passed by on the other side. ³³ "Then a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him. ³⁴ Going over to him, the Samaritan soothed his wounds with olive oil and wine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his own donkey and took him to an inn, where he took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he handed the innkeeper two silver coins, telling him, 'Take care of this man. If his bill runs higher than this, I'll pay you the next time I'm here.' ³⁶ "Now which of these three would you say was a neighbor to the man who was attacked by bandits?" Jesus asked. ³⁷ The man replied, "The one who showed him mercy." Then Jesus said, "Yes, now go and do the same." **Luke 10:30-37 NLT**

"To say you care and do nothing means you don't care at all".

Every time the Bible says Jesus had compassion it was followed by action.

²⁹ As Jesus and the disciples left the town of Jericho, a large crowd followed behind. ³⁰ Two blind men were sitting beside the road. When they heard that Jesus was coming that way, they began shouting, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³¹ "Be quiet!" the crowd yelled at them. But they only shouted louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" ³² When Jesus heard them, he stopped and called, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³ "Lord," they said, "we want to see!" ³⁴ Jesus felt sorry for them and touched their eyes. Instantly they could see! Then they followed him. **Matthew 20:29-34 NLT**

PRACTICAL WAYS TO SHOW LOVE/ CONCERN:

- Meet a physical need.
- Leave a meal on doorstep.
- Call/ check on them.
- Bless someone financially.
- Invite them to Life Group/ share online service.

HOW DO YOU BECOME A PART OF GOD'S CHURCH?

¹² *But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. John 1:12 NLT*

¹⁶ *For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 NLT*

Next Steps for me today...

- To put my faith in Jesus Christ for salvation.
- To see a need and meet it.