

DARE

I. Dare to Commit

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Romans 6: 13 (LB) - ...give yourselves completely to God—every part of you....

Five basic needs of life that are fulfilled through commitment to the church

1. Grow in Faith

I commit to worship on Sunday mornings.

Isaiah 40:31 ...but those who hope in the LORD

will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Psalm 100: 2 - Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Psalm 122: 1- I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Greatest growth happens in community.

2. Discover my purpose/identity

I commit to connecting in fellowship.

Romans 12: 4-6 For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. ⁶We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us.

I Corinthians 12: 17, 18 If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸ But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.

We only learn who we are in relationship.

3. Develop my potential

I commit to learning from others.

Ephesians 4: 16(NLT) He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow....

Hebrews 10: 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,...

There are somethings you will only understand in community.

4. Experience significance

I commit to serving with others.

I Peter 4:10 Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.

Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10 Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: ¹⁰ If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.

Significance begins when I stop thinking about me and start thinking about others.

5. Make an eternal difference

I commit to inviting people to church.

Matthew 28: 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

Acts 1: 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Greatest gift you can give someone you love is Jesus.