**Ten Reasons Why You Should Be Going to Church**

10. Coming to church doesn’t mean you have no doubts about God or faith or religion. It means you have a place where you can share with people who have their own doubts.

9.  Bad stuff is going to happen in your life. It just is. A church community cannot be everything to everyone in times of crisis, but when the bottom falls out of your world, it’s great to have a community to lift you back up.

8. Bad stuff is going to happen in your life, part two. The time to build a relationship with God is not when life turns ugly and you’ve run out of options. Attending worship helps build a relationship with God and others that provides a solid foundation when the storms come.

7. Not all churches are anti-something. Most are for people, for acceptance, for hospitality. Really, we’re out there. We just don’t get the good press.

6. Any church worth its salt has really good food on a regular basis!

5. Many people would like to help the poor, the hungry and the homeless, but they don’t know how to get involved… churches offer you ways to help those who need it most.

4. You’ve got a gift. Probably two or ten of them. Becoming involved in the ministry of a church will help you discover and use gifts you never knew you had.

3. Good churches want you to have a healthy relationship with money. Church can help you with that.

2. Taking a break from our hectic lives to come to church is accepting the gift of Sabbath. We don’t come to worship because we have time and have finished up everything that needs to be done. We come to worship and “practice Sabbath” because it is a time to stop, and we need time to stop, rest and reflect. Those who don’t take such time are destined to crash and burn.

1. Jesus sets an example worth trying to follow. Even if you don’t know if you can believe in the whole Son-of-God thing, and even though those of us already in church often do a lousy job of following him, come to church to find out for yourself what Jesus is about.

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