

## Follow Jesus' Example

### Matthew 28:19 & Hebrews 10:25

Jesus set the example in many ways, in His service (humility), in His prayer life, in His love without boundaries, but tonight we are going to look at two very important examples He set for us: In His Baptism and His Building. I want to look at these because we are in trying times! Our faith and our future are at stake!

1. In His \_\_\_\_\_: He set the example, why did Jesus get baptized? It was not for the same reason we do. His baptism confirmed His identity as the Messiah and His willingness to take on humanity and be the perfect atonement for all sin and death. Jesus modeled a key step, baptism, in the life of every believer. Jesus instructed His disciples ***to make disciples in all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matt. 28:19)*** and He went on to say in the next verse, ***"teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you"***
  - a. Baptism is for the \_\_\_\_\_ of sins- Acts 2:38 Peter says ***"Repent every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins"***
  - b. Symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ - Acts 8:12 ***"But when they believed...both men and women were baptized"***
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ of being buried and raised in newness of life with Jesus Romans 6:3-4 <sup>3</sup> ***Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.***
  - d. Witness to \_\_\_\_\_ - It's an opportunity to invite family and friends to see you following in Jesus steps
2. In His \_\_\_\_\_ - Hebrews 10:25 Paul tells us, ***"... let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching"***

Jesus set the example for church attendance: Over 10 times the New Testament mentions Jesus going to the synagogue to preach, teach, and read from scripture.

Synagogue:

- Greek defined is an \_\_\_\_\_
- Hebrew defined is a \_\_\_\_\_
- The \_\_\_\_\_ is an assembly, congregation, community of likeminded believers in Christ Jesus.

While assembling is good for us individually, it is good for the group. People come into this building hurting: your smile, your caring attitude, your presence, your prayer are important. Jesus didn't have to attend synagogue, he did so because it was pleasing to His Father...He was accustomed to attending!

We assemble to worship, study, fellowship with, and encourage one another.

For the early church it was a place for them to maintain their identity as a people living in a foreign land...how much more so today?

- Why is assembling \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. It is critical we do not forsake assembling together as we move closer to the last days, so we are strengthened by one another and the teaching of God's Word, protected through \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. "So much more as you see the day approaching"...that's a \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. To avoid \_\_\_\_\_ Isolation- 1 Peter 5:8 reminds us to be vigilant because "***the adversary walks about like a lion, seeking to devour.***" A lion looks for the prey in isolation. The Word gives us a warning—do not forsake assembling because the enemy seeks to devour those who are in isolation.
- D. As a \_\_\_\_\_ to others!

Here we are strengthened for another week of work, another week of serving God. I love Wednesday's because it's a point to top off the fuel we received Sunday!

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