The Importance of Attendance Part2

Adam Willingham · Series: **Importance of Attendance**

INTRODUCTION

- This attitude is basically one of I don't need other Christians. Is this what the Bible teaches?
- It is true that we can and should worship God privately and personally.
- Remember that it's not about you. It's about others.

1 The Benefit of Support

2 Corinthians 2:12–13

- Now when I came to Troas for the gospel of Christ, and when a door was opened for me in the Lord, I had no rest for my spirit, not finding Titus, my brother.
- But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us. How did God comfort? By the coming of Titus.
- Brethren provide desperately needed encouragement.
- It's God providing us with encouragement through our brethren.
- If we remove ourselves from the Lord's people, we're just like that coal. And we think that we can go it alone, we're going to grow cold.
- We need this body of believers here in order to be supported and encouraged.

2 The Benefit of Relationships

Philippians 1:8; Acts 20:36–38; Romans 15:24

- Paul was very close to his brethren. He had tender affection for them.
- For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus.
- Many people won't even find that closeness in their blood family. But there is that closeness in the spiritual family of God.
- We may not have everything in common. But we have the Lord in common.
- To develop relationships. We have that opportunity every time we meet. It's called coming early. And it's called staying late.
- What a tremendous blessing it is to have a whole group of friends who love you at all times.

3 The Benefit of Worship Together

1 John 1:7; Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 10:16–17

- Fellowship in the Bible is not coffee and donuts.
- On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread. Paul began talking to them.
- It seems to me that the Lord's Supper is perhaps the most important reason that we come together.
- Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

- Praying together and singing together and worshiping or studying the word of God in private settings is so uplifting.
- A person filled with the word of God longs to worship with his brethren.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Take full advantage of these blessings that have been offered. Have you taken full advantage of that? Or do you just take a little bit here and there, and that's enough for you?**

MY NOTES