

Dear Church Family,

Every week I invite people to church and, if the opportunity presents itself, I share the Gospel. Like so many of you, my invitation is often turned down. It is quite troubling to me when many of these folks tell me that they are planning to go to heaven, and yet they feel that they don't need to go to church or that worship services aren't important. However, when I read the words of Jesus I am convinced otherwise. Jesus said, "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) With this promise in mind, I can hardly think of corporate worship as unimportant. How could worship be anything but divinely paramount with Christ there in the midst! If you have been tempted to take the week off from worship or you have been guilty of thinking that taking part in the ministries of the church is an exercise of futility, perhaps now that you know that Christ promises to meet with us in such a special way, you will rethink your position. So, for those who are so fond of saying that you don't have to go to church to be a Christian, or to go to heaven, I leave you this thought: you don't have to wear a parachute to jump out of an airplane to go sky diving, either, but when you come to the end of your journey, the difference it makes is life or death!

See You in Church.

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