

# Church...Why Bother?

## Week 1

### Because the Church Helps Me Move from Where I Am to Where I Want to Be!

The Church is the gathering of people who will challenge me in specific areas of spiritual growth...and this will make me more like Jesus!

**What happens when I gather with God's people in community (that rarely happens anywhere else)?**

- 1. We get challenged, convicted, and made to feel very uncomfortable...and this is a good thing.*
- 2. We can be held accountable to do things we want to do...but have a hard time doing in our own power.*
- 3. We get challenged to be generous in a world that says, "Nothing matters more than your own desires and wants."*
- 4. We hear truth from God without filtering it through our own justifications and rationalizations.*
- 5. We discover that we can vigorously and passionately disagree with people and still love them as family members.*

**Key Passages:** Hebrews 5-6; Ephesians 4; Hebrews 10

