

DISCUSSIONNOTES

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If someone were to ask you to describe your church, the people, and atmosphere, what would you say? What comes to your mind? Discuss.

Jamie said, *"I think when we come to church it should be a preview of Heaven for an hour or so. I wish people would say about Central, "Central is a church that laughs."* Read **Psalm 126.2**. Was a happy & joyous church an adjective you used to describe Central? Why or why not? Why should the church be joyous and happy?

When you think of "church", what comes to mind? Discuss amongst yourselves the main job of the church. Keep in mind, there's only one. The rest is secondary.

Read **Mark 16:16** and **John 14:6**. *"The Bible makes it very clear, without Jesus, people are lost. Please understand; a person who does not know Jesus has no promise of Heaven."* The main job of the church is to bring people to Jesus so they can be saved. When was the last time you invited someone to church? When was the last time you told someone about Jesus? Read **Romans 10:14**. If you are not telling people and sharing your story, how can people around you know God? *"You may be the only Bible some people read."*

Read **2 Timothy 1:8**. Why do you think some Christians are scared to invite people to church or tell them about God? Why is Jesus uneasy to talk about sometimes? Maybe it's not hard for some, explain the differences. Why should it be something encouraging to share with others?

Read **1 Peter 1:3-4**. *"Jesus has called you to be His witness to people who don't know Him. It's not always easy but it's your responsibility."* Have you ever thought about the rewards and needs that are met when ministering to other people? Have you seen people change as they let God into their lives? Discuss your own story and other stories where you've seen God change peoples lives.

Charles Swindoll said, *"The Lord never intended for the church to be a pyramid with one guy at the top meeting everybody's needs. The church is to be a circle where we minister to one another."* What is the significance of being involved in the church and serving with other fellow believers? What happens when people get involved? Why do we need fellowship? Close by discussing and praying God would use you to share the gospel with people who don't know God.