

The background is a detailed architectural drawing of a church interior, showing the east elevation and various details. The drawing includes labels such as 'EAST ELEVATION', 'MARBLE FLOOR OF SANCTUARY', 'DETAIL OF TILE FLOORS IN CHURCH VESTIBULES', and '3" DETAIL OF R.I.'. There are also notes and dimensions scattered throughout the drawing.

# WHY CHURCH?

**A LOOK AT WHY WE GATHER**

It's God's Design

It Makes Us Happy

**It's A Lifeline to God's Love**

God has chosen to continue His redeeming work in the world through people. Those who have heard of His love, have embraced it, and who tell others about it are the lifeline to God's rescuing, resuscitating love.

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- **It's The Story of the New Testament**
- **It's Our Story**



# How?

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- When we are unified about Jesus – John 17
- When we love one another – John 13
- When we are His ambassadors – 2 Cor. 5:20

**We Need The Church.**

# We Need It

- It's how we started growing, it's how we'll keep growing
- Isolation breeds arrogance, community builds humility
- To win at something individually is nice, but so much better as a team

# How?

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- We are a body – 1 Cor. 12 and 13
- Speak truth to one another (Eph. 4:25), Encourage one another (1 Thes. 5:11), Spur one another on to love and good deeds (Heb.10:24)

# **Our Primary Place – Life Groups.**

**There is Nothing More Significant!**



# Nothing is More Significant!

- To be known, loved, forgiven, included, and encouraged
- To find eternal significance and security
- To experience joy and peace
- To be a part of an eternally significant purpose and community

# Nothing is More Significant!

- To have the glory of God, the goodness of God, and the very character of the Infinite God displayed through us, and
- To help others see it and embrace and enjoy it forever...there is nothing better!

# How Can We Be Salt and Light?

## To Be Salt and Light

- Believe that without Jesus people are not and cannot be happy
- See ourselves as their lifeline
- Keep pursuing more of Jesus
- Remember that the church is our lifeline, too!

## What Might It Look Like?

- Getting out of the house
- Asking questions; Listening
- Sharing our experience
- Learn from the people ahead of us, love the people people with us, and be a lifeline for those who desperately need it.

# Let's Talk to God

- Thank Him for the people ahead of you
- Thank Him for people alongside you
- Ask Him to put on your heart those people who need you to be their lifeline