

Some Assembly Required **Acts 11:19-26**

Can I "Go To Church?"

Church - An assembled group of people

ekklesia - a gathering of citizens called out from their homes into some public place, an assembly - Strong's

Universal

Jesus built - **Matthew 16:18**

All everywhere, everywhen - **Hebrews 12:22-24**

Local

Christians in particular location at a particular time - **1Corinthians 1:2**

A Collective

Assembly – Group – Congregation

Not one individual - **2Thessalonians 2:13-15**

The Family Of God

An intimate relationship - **1Timothy 3:15**

We are to treat each other accordingly - **1Timothy 5:1-2**

The Kingdom Of Christ

A Ruler, subject relationship

Christ is King, He has all authority! - **Colossians 1:13-14; Ephesians 1:20-23**

The citizens do not make the laws; they are made by the King!

The Body Of Christ

An interdependent, integrated relationship

We need Christ - **Colossians 1:18; Romans 12:4-5; 1Corinthians 12:14-18**

We function best as we work together - **1Corinthians 12:19-27**

Apply to both "Universal" and "Local" sense

Collective Work Requires Gathering Together

Fulfill responsibilities to collective in Local - **James 2:2**

Teach and encourage - **Acts 11:26; Colossians 3:16-17; Hebrews 10:23-25**

Memorial feast

Acts 20:7; 1Corinthians 11:17,18,20,33,34; 14:23,26

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How can you gather if you do not go to the gathering?

You cannot 'fellowship' alone - **1Corinthians 10:16-17**

I am convinced that Scripture compels us to "go to church." - **Acts 11:26; 20:7; 1Corinthians 11:18**

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