

Series: Unshakable Hope

Part 4: YOU'VE GOT TO GET CONNECTED

Why are connections so important?

"They even did more that we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do." 2 Corinthians 8:5

"Even though we are many individuals, Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each others." Romans 12:5 (GW)

BEING CONNECTED AS A CHURCH MEMBER

The difference between "attender" vs. "member"-- 4 metaphors:

I. It connects me to God's eternal _____

"Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 2:21-22;1 Timothy 3:15

The BENEFIT: _____ and _____

II. It connects me to Christ's _____

"God has put everything under the authority of Christ, and God gave Him this authority for the benefit of His church, which is the body of Christ." Ephesians 1:22-23

"So stop telling lies. Let us tell our neighbors the truth, for we are all parts of the same body." Ephesians 4:25; Romans 12:4-5 LB; Colossians 2:19

The BENEFIT: I get _____ and _____

III. It connects me to the _____ of Jesus

"Remain in Me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in Me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in Me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from Me you can do nothing." John 15:4-5

The BENEFIT: I get God's _____ to _____

IV. It connects me to God's _____

"For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children." Romans 8:16; 1 Peter 2:17; Colossians 3:14

The BENEFIT: I'm _____, and I'm _____