



Design: Participates in the life of the local church

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	Spiritual	Experiential	Relational	Instructional
1	Meditate on John 17:21-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:16; Hebrews 10:24-25. Memorize one or two of these verses.	Be present on time and ready to engage with God and His people for the weekly meeting of your church family.	Get to know people who are active in their church community; imitate their lives.	Study John 17:21-26; Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:16; Hebrews 10:24-25.
2	Meditate on the passages on the church (for instance, Ephesians 4 or 1 Corinthians 12). Ask God to reveal ways for you to be a functioning part of the body of Christ.	Forgive those who have offended you; take initiative to make peace with them. Determine that past offenses will not prohibit you from taking an active role in the church community.	Ask someone who knows you well to suggest where you might make your best contribution to the life of the church.	Read the Bible to understand the nature and characteristics of the church and church life (Ephesians 4; Romans 12:1-8; 1 Corinthians 12-13; Hebrews 10).
3	Find teachings and verses about how Jesus values relationship and participation in the church. Pray that you would have a heart to participate in love.	Intentionally look around at the weekly meeting in your local church for someone you do not recognize. Make a point to greet and meet them. If they are new there, welcome them and help them feel at home.	Find some role models who have participated well in the community of believers for at least 10 years (one of whom has never had any official or paid role) and learn from them.	Listen to audio teachings on Church and Family Life by Malcolm Webber – at least one per week.
4	Pray that God would help you use every gift He has given you to build the Kingdom of God, and that He would reveal gifts you aren't even aware of yet.	Design a challenging task. For example, arrive at meetings early and offer to help in any way, or host a small group in your home.	Ask one or several believing friends to hold you accountable to your commitments in your church life.	Find and read books and articles on the purpose and necessity of meeting together as a body (ask a spiritual leader for suggestions).
5	Ask God to help you meaningfully connect with at least one new person during each local church meeting.	Volunteer for a ministry team in the local church.	Find someone who is weak in participating in the life of the local church and invite them to join you in finding deep connection to the church.	Listen to the testimonies of people who were impacted by their church community.
6	Ask God to give you an opportunity at each gathering to connect more deeply with two people that you already have a relationship with.	Respond to ministry opportunities during the meeting, putting aside concern for your reputation.	Share your experiences of participating in the life of the local church with friends or with your church body, and reflect on how it made you feel.	Identify at least two major biblical examples of people in the book of Acts who gave themselves to participating in the life of the church. In what specific ways did they participate? What were the results?
7	Reflect on areas where you have not given yourself to participation in the church. Why? Ask for repentance and God's forgiveness.	Identify an unaddressed need in the church. Design a way to meet the need, and present this design to the leadership, resisting any offense if your plan is not implemented.	Befriend unchurched people and when the time is right, invite them to come to church with you.	Identify one or two biblical examples of people who chose to pursue their own selfish goals instead of participate in the life of the church. What happened?
8	Fast and pray regularly with the goal of participating in the life of the body of Christ, with guidance from the Holy Spirit rather than out of obligation.	Step out by faith with a spiritual gift in the meeting or in your small group.	Practice hospitality with church members and share your life with them in meals, prayer, and other activities.	Find an example of a prominent Christian whose ministry failed because they failed to maintain life and accountability in a local church. Write a paragraph describing what happened and how a deeper connection to the local church could have prevented loss.
9	Meditate on God's intentional design for people to live and grow in the context of community (Galatians 6:1-2). Praise God for this design!	Volunteer to clean the church building, work in the kitchen, or do something else behind-the-scenes. Pray for the church as you work.	Invite someone from the church to an event or activity apart from the church meetings.	Study the nature of the church in a reliable theology book. Identify some of the misconceptions of the church and church life in your setting and the Scriptural truths that bring correction and balance.
10	Pray regularly for your church and church leaders.	Do a spiritual gift assessment that will help you best serve in the local church.		Examine the development and expansion of the churches in the Book of Acts. Write your observations.
11				Study Malcolm Webber's model of the Healthy Church.
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