

It is theologically impossible to be connected to Christ and disconnected from the church.

When I'm planted in the house of the Lord...

1. My rhythms revolve around God's presence. (v.1-3)

How many weekends a month do you attend church? How many weekends a month do you serve at church?

Where do you sit? Why?

Are the people around you generally more or less expressive in their worship? What percentage of the people on the row you sit sing praise loudly to the Lord? Why do you think some do not?

Does everyone in your family know that church is a non-negotiable rhythm in your week?

2. My heart rejoices in God's work. (v.4-5)

Describe how you see God at work in His church. Describe how God is working right now in you. Does it make you want to sing for joy or are you unaffected by the work of God's hands?

Describe how you work for the Lord at Harvest.

Does your financial investment in the house of the Lord reflect your gladness in the Lord's work?

3. My thoughts dive deep into God's thoughts. (v.5)

Read Psalm 42:7. Have you ever experienced what is being described?

Share a few of God's thoughts on the following subjects. Are your thoughts shaped by God's thoughts?

- Sexuality
- Money
- Terrorism
- Police shootings
- Racial discrimination

Do you regularly give yourself to thinking deeply about these subjects?

4. My life displays God's life. (v.10-15)

- **Freshness** (v.10)

Do you need refreshing and refueling? Are you finding this happening when you come to church?

- **Flourishing** (v.12-13)

Are your roots planted deep enough in the church to be nourished? How can you go deeper so you can flourish?

- **Fruitfulness** (v. 14)

Describe the fruit being produced from your life.

- **Faithfulness (v. 14-15)**

How much energy do you have for the house of the Lord?

Discuss this statement: *“Planted in the house of the Lord” means so much more than membership, but it does not mean less.*

Discuss the following excuses people who don't value church membership give.

1. I'm too bad. "The roof will fall in on me."
2. Church is full of hypocrites.
3. They just want my money.
4. I'm too busy.
5. I don't believe in organized religion.

Discuss these four stages of relationship with the Bride of Christ.

1. Flirting
2. Dating
3. Married
4. Multiplying

Are you a member of Harvest Bible Chapel? If not, why not?

Additional Scripture

- Matthew 6:21
- Hebrews 10:24-25
- John 12:24-25
- Psalm 42:7
- John 15:1-8