

OPEN HOUSE: WHY DOES THE CHURCH MATTER? DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1 **Imagine that you are moving to another city, and you don't know any Christians there.** Your first order of business is to find a church. So what are 5-10 things that you would look for in a church?

 *What are some ways that consumerism could be part of some people's church search? What are some practical ways we could reject consumerism and seek the common good in how we relate to: the church's corporate gatherings, listening to sermons, older members of the church, young mothers, widows, singles?*

 *How could the imagery of 1Corinthians 12:12-26 impact someone's church search?*

2 **Have you ever thought about how becoming a Christian means becoming part of a new people, the people of God?**

 *In light of 2Corinthians 6:14-18 and Ephesians 2:17-22 how should this truth that God is saving not only individuals but also a people, change your relationship to other Christians and to non-Christians?*

 *How should the concept of "a people" impact some of the autonomous, independent tendencies some Christians have? How is a "Lone-Ranger Christian" who tries to live out his or her discipleship to Christ independently of others misguided?*

3 **What difference do you think it makes whether a Christian is a member of a church?** How does Ephesians 2:19-22 contribute to the conversation?

 *What are some of the reasons you've heard people give for not joining or church, or maybe reasons you have given yourself?*

