

## Why Am I Running?

### Week 5 The Church

- **The Church is the imperfect FAMILY of God on purpose-filled MISSION of God.**

Why do we run from the church?

- The Church often doesn't paint a clear image of Jesus.
- We live in an individualistic society that says, "You are your own truth."
- We are more concerned with ourselves than the mission of God.
- We drift away because we get too distracted.
- We miss out because we don't fully understand what the Church is.

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Hebrews 10:23 (NLT)

The top two metaphors in the New Testament for the Church are family and body.

Family - Romans 8:16 (NLT)

Body of Christ - Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

The Church is the imperfect family of God.

Think of ways to motivate one another.

Hebrews 10:24 (NLT)

The Church is called to acts of love and good works for others to see and to give God glory.

Matthew 5:16 (NLT)

The 5 Marks we follow as a church:

Live Obediently

Connect Intentionally

Serve Selflessly

Give Generously

Share Willingly

The Church is the imperfect **FAMILY** of God on purpose-filled **MISSION** of God.

Hebrews 10:25 (NLT)

Individual application:

1. Own your identity.
2. Take a step.
3. (Online) Find a local church and get connected.

The Church is the imperfect people of God on purpose-filled mission of God.

**This week, spend some time talking with your family (this could be your spouse, your kids, or your brothers and sisters in Christ) about the following question:**

**What does it mean to 'be the Church'?**