

New Services

A church congregation that decided to have four worship-services each Sunday.

There was one for those **NEW** to the faith. Another for those who liked **TRADITIONAL** worship. One for those who'd **LOST** their faith and would like to get it back. And another for those who had **BAD EXPERIENCES** with churches and were complaining about it.

The church came up with names for each of the services: **“FINDERS, KEEPERS, LOSERS, WEEPERS”**

It would be wonderful if everyone could be in the “Keepers” category, but people are in each of those categories even now. We may not have an individual service for each of them, but certainly all are welcome to “worship God in spirit and in truth.”

For those of us who are more spiritually minded, we have the responsibility to help the rest. If we see someone seeking God, like the Ethiopian Eunuch, let's be a Philip and help him understand the truth. If we see someone struggling in life with God, let's support them and encourage them to trust in the Lord again. For those who have been hurt somehow, we need to comfort them. Listen to Paul:

Galatians 6:1-2 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

That's quite a passage, but it describes simply how much we need each other and are responsible for each other. In **Hebrews 10:24** we read that we must “consider one another in order to stir up love and good works.” There is no doubt that to consider one another means that we need to think about the spiritual welfare of each other and do something to make it right!

Let's not forget the rest of that passage

Galatians 6:5 “For each one shall bear his own load.”

We also are responsible for our own decisions and actions. So if you are new, do not stop seeking. If you have remained faithful, keep on keeping on! If you have lost your faith, the Father is waiting with open arms to receive you back. If you've been hurt or offended, then remember this:

Philippians 2:1-4 *Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.*

Love to all,
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