

WHY LOVE THE CHURCH?

THIS IS WHO WE ARE –BACK TO SCHOOL – 2017 – PART 4

START TALKING. WITH AN ICEBREAKER QUESTION:

- You can find some on page 6 [here](#).
- What is a church memory you had before age 12?

START THINKING. ASK THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL GET YOUR GROUP THINKING.

- What do you think enters people's minds when you tell them you go to a local church?
- What other organizations in our society try to provide to people what a healthy local Church does? How do they try to do that?
- What are reasons people give to abandoning or discounting the Church?
- What is an experience you are aware of that has caused someone to not just discount the church, but to adamantly stand against it?
- What is it hard to defend the Church in society?
- The Bible calls the Church, "The Body of Christ." How is a body such a fitting metaphor?

START SHARING. CHOOSE THE QUESTIONS THAT WILL CREATE OPENNESS.

- What excuse did you use to use to not attend a local church?
- Why do you continue to show up at FLAG?
- Extrapolate out your life for 5 years if you quit attending any local church today? What would change? What wouldn't?
- What could your church do if it doubled? What could it not do if it shrunk in half?
- Why is connection to a local church ten times better than just attending one?
- In 10 words or less, why do you love "The Church" capital "C"?

START PRAYING. BE BOLD, AND PRAY WITH POWER.

- Jesus, thank You for Your Church. I am amazed at how You have used it in my life. Please show me how to love the Church like you do. Use me to help build Your Church. Amen.

START DOING. COMMIT TO A STEP AND LIVE IT OUT THIS WEEK.

- Next time you walk into your church, stop and thank Jesus for it.