

Finding Your Next CHURCH

1. See the Value: Recognize the importance of being in a Christian Church in your life & in the lives of your fellow worshippers (Gifts)

- Church Attendance → Anonymous
 - Church Membership → Visible
- Positional or Participating Membership
 - Know & be Known (Small Groups)
- Church Commitment → Family Relationships
 - Love & be Loved; --Serve & be Served

Key Church Goals: Intimacy with God; Community with Believers; Influence with Non-Believers

2. Make a Plan: If Church impacts eternity (it does) then it is important to find your next church soon (3 months or less)

- Observe → There are many good (Godly) churches @ the new place
- Orient → Not all the churches will work for us (Style, Programs...)
- Decide → What are we looking for & what are the deal-breakers
- Act → Research; Visit; Pray; Join; Serve; Repeat at next location



3. Do some Research: PCS-ing to Virginia? Someone just came from there—ask them? Call friends living there.

- Search the Internet; Check by Denominations; Check by Reputation; Consider their Leadership; Narrow the list to 3 or 4;
- Visit all 3 or 4; Pray-Pray-Pray—visit one more time → Commit
- Note: This is not a lifetime Decision—Jump in & Get Involved.

4. Geography Matters: If it takes more than 30 minutes to get there → attending weekday or evening events will become very tough.

- 4 major geographic decisions upon moving
 - Work (Directed); Live; School; Church
- Factor worship into these decisions
- Work (Directed); Church; Live; School;

THEOLOGY MATTERS

5. Theology Matters: What are the points of Focus at this church? (Christ / Cross)

Martin Luther had it right with his Five Sola Statements.

- 1 Sola scriptura ("by Scripture alone") Preaching God's Word? AWANAs? Bible Focus?
- 2 Sola fide ("by faith alone") Adding or Deleting to the Biblical mandate—is wrong.
- 3 Sola gratia ("by grace alone") Order matters & Works follow salvation as indicators
- 4 Solus Christus or Solo Christo ("Through Christ alone") Christ Plus anything = Heresy
- 5 Soli Deo gloria ("glory to God alone") Our focus is on making Him well known & making Him look good.

- Navigators view is a good balance: Prayer, Witnessing, Fellowship & the Word.
- Go Public with your Faith; Jump in; Stay Long; Follow Christ on Mission with God.

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