

Thursday, March 23rd Devo

As a student here at LCA, your church involvement looks very different from student to student and family to family. Some of you may attend church every week and are active participants in your student ministry, others of you may attend church on Easter and Christmas and occasionally a few times throughout the year. Have you ever wondered why is the church important and why does my involvement matter if I go to a Christian school? Most of you have thought about these questions at some point and the truth is that the importance of the church in your life should not be ignored, but prioritized. Your involvement and commitment to the church should be more important than relationships, academics and even athletics.

Read: 1 Corinthians 12:25-27 (NIV): "So that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

One of the biggest attempts that our enemy (Satan) will aim at Christians is trying to isolate and leave us feeling lonely. Satan does this because he knows that when he removes support and encouragement to followers of Christ they become easier targets. Peter describes Satan as a roaring lion, his only goal is to destroy the followers of Christ and keep as many people as far from a relationship with Jesus as possible.

As students, you are young, learning, and growing in many ways but especially developing your personal faith. Your spiritual growth is extremely difficult if you are not a regular and committed

part of a local church. Churches are designed to gather followers together and help them grow in their understanding and knowledge of Christ. The church is designed to equip you, prepare you and train you to follow Christ your entire life. Trying to follow Christ without the help of the church is nearly impossible.

Reflect: Spend a few moments writing out your thoughts to these questions: What does your church involvement look like? Is it forced by your parents or your choice? What would it look like if you not only chose to be at church but also chose to contribute to the church and its purpose? Who do you know that is involved in a church that might be able to help connect you

Write: Write out your normal weekly schedule: What needs to change to make church a priority? Who do you need to talk to for these changes to take place?

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FRIDAY	
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