

*Why do we assemble?*

**SO, WHY CHURCH?**

# **1 Corinthians 11:17 - 19**

**“I have no praise for you”**

**Your meetings do more harm than good**

**When you come together there are divisions  
among you**

# 1 Cor. 12:27 – 31

**You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.**

**Different roles, different gifts**

**Do all...(rhetorical question—~~yes~~/no)**

**eagerly desire the greater gifts**

# And yet

**I will show you the most excellent way:**

**If I (speak, have, give)**

**But do not have LOVE**

**I am nothing**

**Now these three remain: faith, hope and  
love. But the greatest of these is love.**

# The power of One Another

**A quick look in the N.T. Epistles:**

**Love one another (12)**

**Encourage one another (5)**

**Greet one another (5)**

**Instruct one another (2)**

**Bear with one another (2)**

**Be devoted, live in harmony, honor, accept,  
agree with, serve, be kind, speaking to,  
submit to, offer hospitality, fellowship**

# Practical application

**How many things on the last slide are things most people need or even crave from time to time?**

**How is the love of God really demonstrated to people?**

**We have to get “church” right!**