

Our Shofar Table View

# Church Landscape

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## Heart and Growth Path

Part 1

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*Why, What and How?*

The background image shows a serene beach scene at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon to the right, casting a warm, golden glow across the sky and water. The ocean has gentle waves, and a small boat is visible in the distance on the left. In the foreground, there's a sandy beach with some sparse vegetation and a piece of driftwood. A large, semi-transparent grey circle is centered over the image, serving as a backdrop for the text.

*Why Church?*



# 1. 'Why' Church:

[general]

## 1.1 Revelation of Jesus and a Love for Jesus:

**Matthew 16:13** When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" 14 They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets." 15 "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" 16 Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." 17 Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. 18 And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.

19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”

**John 14:15** “If you love me, keep my commandments.”

**“If we lose sight of Jesus and our love dwindles, the ‘Why’ of Church fades.”**

## 1.2 Only Church can fulfil our 5 most basic needs:

*Rick Warren writes in 'Purpose Driven Church':*

In light of the **Great Commandment** (Matthew 22:37–40) and the **Great Commission** (Matthew 28:19–20):

**The 'Why'-Purposes of a healthy Church that fulfil us:**

1. Worship
2. Fellowship
3. Discipleship
4. Ministry
5. Mission



## 1.3 The Authority of the Word:

*The Word makes it clear that we are born into a family and then become part of a local Church family. Clear throughout the New Testament –*

### **Jesus is the *Logos* and the Word:**

**John 1:1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was with God in the beginning. 3 Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. 4 In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.



**We obey the Word of God!**

**Scripture calls us to be part of a Church family:**

**Acts 2:41-46 NLT** 41 Those who believed... were baptized and added to the church... 42 All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer...44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had... 46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity.

An aerial, grayscale photograph of a coastal scene. On the left, a sandy beach is populated with many small figures of people. The ocean extends to the right, with gentle waves visible. In the far distance, a large, flat-topped island or headland is silhouetted against a hazy sky. The overall tone is serene and expansive.

The Word is clear that the Church is God's embassies  
called to change the World

His Kingdom come, His will be done





# Heart of Church

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## 2. Heart of Church:

### 2.1 ENCOUNTER GOD!

Our Source and Reason for all we do –

# Presence

**Exodus 33:14-15 ESV** And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” 15 And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here...”

**Jesus with us I Emmanuel**

**Matthew 28:20** “...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



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## 2.2 Real relationships:

### With God and people

Grow in Word, Spirit, Body of Believers

**1 Corinthians 12:27** “Now you [Christians] are the body of Christ and individually members of it”

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## 2.3 Gathering regularly | Connecting:

**1 Corinthians 11:18** it says, “In the first place, when you come together as a church..” or **1 Corinthians 14:23**, “If, therefore, the whole church comes together..”

**Hebrews 10:25** “...not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.”



## 2.4 Worship together:

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**Ephesians 5:19** ...that we should address

“one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord.”

## 2.5 Equipping and Discipleship:

**Ephesians 4:12** ..for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ...

**Matthew 28:19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”



**1. Connect  
with God  
and  
People**

*What?*





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**2. Grow in identity, calling  
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**3. Go Love our worlds**





Connect

Grow

Love



Next week we continue with...

*How?*

*Growth Path*

*Challenges*

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## 5 Benefits of belonging to a Church family:

1. It helps me focus on God
2. It helps me to face life's problems
3. It will help me to strengthen my faith
4. It will help me to find a place to make a difference
5. It will help me fulfil my life's calling and mission





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*Let's Pray*