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# GOD NEVER SAID THAT.

## Week 5: I Don't Have to Go to Church to Be a Christian.



People have a lot to say when it comes to God. God is real. God is not real. Here's what God says. Here's what God thinks. Pop theology has made its way into our worship music, blogging, social media sites, and yes, even sometimes Bible Studies and sermons. This series, we will examine six of the most common forms of pop theology...

and then look to the Scriptures to see what God might say to us instead.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Sunday we explored pop theology's statement: "I don't have to go to church to be a Christian." Take the time to discuss this as a group...is church necessary to be a Christian - why or why not?
2. *Read 1 Corinthians 12:12-31.*

What does Paul say about the connectedness of the Body?

What warning does Paul offer about thinking our part or other parts aren't important?

Why are the different gifts and parts important to the Body of Christ?

3. How might Paul's words to us regarding the importance of each person in the Body of Christ challenge the thinking that we don't have to go to church to be a Christian? Why might this be important as we seek to invite, encourage, and keep one another accountable for our own participation in the life of the Church?
4. Summer is nearly here...do you find that your church participation changes during the summer months? Why is this the case, and do you find your spiritual life lacking during those months?
5. (20 minutes) Break into groups of men and women. Find separate areas of your meeting space. Consider: (a) How will you seek to be connected and spiritually vitalized throughout the summer months? (b) Pray for each person to remain connected to Christ, your Renovation Group, and the community of Christ's Body called the Church.

### BE THE REVOLUTION

The Church isn't just important for our growth as a Christian; it's important that our growth as a Christian is deeply influential for the growth of other Christians too.

### RENOVATING THE HEART

If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it (*1 Corinthians 12:26*).