

Sunday – September 21, 2025
Fall Series: Why Church? Why Not?



When you hear the word, “church” what goes through your mind? Good thoughts, good memories or a place to avoid, or even a place of disappointment. God meant his community of faith be places where people’s lives would bloom to be all He intended, and yet so often we fail to deliver

Key Verse. *“I have come that they might have life and have it abundantly. (John 10:10)*

BACKGROUND:

God has always established communities of faith, places where He meets with His people and together in relationship they live with him, each other, and relationships thrive and grow. These faith communities have always existed under less-than-ideal conditions. In Jeremiah, God’s people are in exile, and yet they are given the command to thrive, grow, flourish and in doing so help the community in which they live

As God’s people we flourish when....

We flourish when we do life _____

“Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat their produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and

your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. Jeremiah 29:4-7

Be a community that _____ each other

We flourish when we rely upon God’s help _____

“O Israel, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

You who fear the LORD, trust in the LORD!

He is their help and their shield.

Psalms 115:9-11

Flourishing asks for _____

We Flourish When We Rehearse God’s _____ Together

The LORD has remembered us; he will bless us;

he will bless the house of Israel;

he will bless the house of Aaron;

he will bless those who fear the LORD,

both the small and the great.

Psalms 115:12-13

We need _____ memory

We Flourish When We Live Fully with Jesus

“The thief comes to kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life and have it abundantly.” (John 10:10)

Full lives are filled with _____

This week:

- What keeps me from stepping into a healthy flourishing church relationship today?
- Who can I step into that same relationship today?

Next Week: “How Does My Community Help Me Flourish?”