



We Are the Church | Shawn Johnson | 8.1.21
Weekly Study

S T A R T

To get things started, go around the circle and answer the following question:

If money were no issue, where would you want to retire?

S H A R E

Welcome back to Group! This week, Shawn preached a powerful and convicting sermon about our role as the church! But before we dive into the content, take some time to check in with your Group by answering these questions.

Describe how you are currently feeling with one word? Why did you pick that word?

What was the most challenging part of your week? What was the highlight of your week?

What is one thing you feel like God is teaching you right now?

G R O W

Read Psalm 95

What do you know about the Psalms? What are they?

Which verse stuck out to you from this Psalm?

We've been through a lot over the last eighteen months. For a while, the pandemic made it challenging for us to meet. But now, as Shawn reminded us this week, it can be difficult to bounce back and remember it is time for us to be the church! It's easy to let church become a movie we watch. But it's not. It's a movement we are a part of.

The Psalm you just read reminded us how important it is to come together to worship. There is something so powerful about singing together as one. Obviously, everyone may not be able to attend a service in person. But if you don't live by a campus or can't leave your home for any number of reasons, that doesn't mean you are off the hook. You have the opportunity to be a part of the worship experience from your own home. It isn't about your location. It's about your heart posture. Every time you show up to Red Rocks or attend our online campus, you have an opportunity to ask yourself: *Are you just watching church, or are you being the church?*

Why do you think the Psalmist believes so strongly that we should be singing praise to God together?

What do you think it means to "shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation"?

MOVE

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

What stuck out to you about this passage? What do you think the writer of Hebrews is trying to tell us?

I'm not watching church today; I am being the church!

According to the passage you just read, there are three ways to do this.

1. Spur
2. Love
3. Encourage

What's the common denominator with all three of those things? They require us to be around other people. If you want to spur people on, you have to have people in your life to spur. The same is true with loving and encouraging others. That's why it is so important that we "do not give up meeting together."

If you attend one of our campuses, show up on a mission. Show up ready to spur your friends on. And expect God to bring someone into your life to love and encourage!

If you watch online, one of the best ways to do this is to host a watch party. Since there are always other people tuning in, why not create some space to watch together? Remember, you aren't just watching church today; you are being the church today!

Would you say you are good at being the church? Why or why not?

What is one practical way you can start being the church this week?

P R A Y

We need prayer now more than ever. Spend some time-sharing prayer requests. If you are in a coed group, consider breaking off into two separate groups (or calls if you are an online group) to share more freely.

T O G O

Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

- Psalm 95:1