“Why do we come to church every Sunday?”

For Starters, our church is the Church of Latter Day Saints. (Acts 2)

It is Jesus’ Church, purchased by His blood. Acts 20:28

Are we as a local body of believers His Church? Romans 16:16

The whole church is made up of local churches. 1 Corinthians 1:2

God’s attitude and relationship to the local church is the same as it is to the “whole church”

Jesus relationship to us is that of a Bridegroom to His Bride. Rev. 19:7-9

Jesus said “I will build MY church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.”

- How does Jesus build His church?

The early church and elders – Acts 17:10-12, Acts 14:21-23

So, what you are seeing here is the “beginnings” of Jesus building His Church.

They began to meet daily but then when reality struck home that Jesus was not likely to return tomorrow, they met once per week on Sundays.

Why Sundays?

- John 20:19 First Appeared to disciples on Sunday
- Acts 20:3-7 The disciples came together on the 1st day of the week
- 1 Cor. 14:26-28 25 years after the resurrection the Corinthian church regularly assembled on the 1st day of the week
- Revelation 1:10 – 60 years after the resurrection John calls Sunday the Lord’s Day

So we have established that Jesus builds His church by gathering together His believers on the first day of the week (the Lord’s Day) and appointing elders for that gathering.

Let’s continue to look at how Jesus builds His Church today. We know elders were appointed so let’s take a closer look at that. Ephesians 4:10-14, Acts 6:4

You can prioritize a Pastors “job” into two sections: Prayer and Teaching God’s Word

Your job is to Receive the Teaching of God’s Word – to grow spiritually. 2 Tim. 4:2

OK. So why come to church on Sundays?

1. Because Jesus is building His Church and you are a part of it.

2. Because the church is where Jesus Christ our Redeemer is to be worshipped.
   - It is Commanded by God the Father Philippians 2:9
   - Failure to Worship Jesus is Unacceptable to God.
Let’s look at future worship of Jesus found in Revelation 5:11-14

Remember the Lord’s Prayer state to God the Father “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”. In heaven, Jesus is being worshipped.

You may say to me: “I do my best. I stand for righteousness at work, I lead Bible studies, I really know doctrine, I give my offerings faithfully to the Lord, I come almost every Sunday to Church.”

All good things, but you may still not be Worshipping Jesus. Revelation 2:2-4

I think the issue is that we really don’t understand how much Christ loves us, just like it’s hard for men to understand how much their wives love them.

(Eph 5:25) *Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.*

Wives do not want their husbands just to be a hard worker and provider for them. They want to be loved.

That doesn’t mean that you don’t work hard and even long hours. But it does mean that you are to be very tender to her wishes.

Listen, Jesus loves the church and when you prioritize the church you are being very tender to His wishes.

Let me give you a regular scenario:

- "It’s going to be really hard to get to church this Sunday."

Wives, when your husband does something for you when it is difficult, time consuming, out of his comfort zone, you appreciate it all the more.

So if it’s difficult to get to church on any given Sunday, that’s Perfect. Because the more difficult something is to do the more appreciated it is by the one on the receiving end.

Another reason often given to miss Church.

- "But Lord I have to work on Sundays”.

Listen to me my friend, don’t pursue a job or career that will regularly keep you out of church on the Lord’s Day. That job or career is unlikely to be coming from God.

Don’t misunderstand what I am saying. I don’t want you to attend church because it is right. Church is not an agenda, something to check off every week ... hungering for God’s word and to worship Him is God’s expectation for you.

We gave two reason to the question, “why should I attend church every Sunday”. More reasons in the future.