"What Do I Do When I Believe in God – But Not in His Church?

Various Scriptures

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37

"That family is the church of the living God. The support and the foundation of the truth." 1 Timothy 3:15

What is the church?

1. A place to belong

"So in Christ, we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector." Matthew 18:15-17

4 benefits of life groups:

- Relationships are strengthened
- <u>Journeys</u> are shared
- Growth is fostered
- People are <u>brought</u> to Christ

2. A place to grow

"It is the truth that sets you free." John 8:32

3. A place to <u>serve</u>

"When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus." Acts 4:13