Why Church?
Ephesians 1:19-22
Sermon Outline

A. It is the Family of Families (vs. 19):

1. Everyone saved by grace (Ephesians 2:8-10) are continuously in God’s presence.
2. We are no longer separated, far away from God and without hope (Ephesians 2:12-13).
3. Here the image of the foreigner or resident alien is applied in a striking way to the already existing state of the Gentile Christians, who formerly did not belong to God's people, and then depicts the Church, under the image of a national or household community, as reconciled with God and unified.
4. We no longer have to worship God like the Ethiopian eunuch; as a proselyte (Acts 8:25-40).
5. Respect for God’s government and governance while serving to make His nation productive.
6. We are all now one holy nation upon to God (1 Peter 2:9-10).
7. We belong to the Lord in the same manner as all those who consecrate themselves to live holy before God (Ephesians 1:1, 15, 18; 3:8, 18; 4:12; 5:3; 6:18).
8. We are all in God’s family committed to loving and supporting one another (He is our Father – Ephesians 1:2, 17; 2:18; 3:14; 4:6; 5:20; 6:23).

B. It is the Only Place God Dwells (vs. 20-21):

1. God established the foundation of the church once and for all (1 Corinthians 3:11).
2. The foundation is already construction and is a superstructure that is rooted in God.
3. Foundation - Refers to the ministry of the gospels and the elementary doctrines of the faith.
4. Apostles – Those, who had physically seen Christ (Paul – 2 Corinthians 15:6-9; Acts 9; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 1 Corinthians 9:1; Acts 1:20-26) were sent with authority by Christ as witnesses to the world (John 17:18, 20).
5. Prophets – One who is a messenger of God and has an immediate divine communion with God (1 Corinthians 14:37-38) revealing His divine secrets and mysteries.
6. God’s church is continuously and actively being erected.
7. Christ (Ephesians 1:22-23; He is the head of the church and the church is His body) shapes how everything is structured in the church.
8. The whole building - used only figuratively in the NT, in the sense of edification, the promotion of spiritual growth - The focus of it is for the spiritual profit that comes from the strengthening effect of teaching due to patient effort that is a result of God’s activity in the believer’s life.
9. In Acts 2:42 the church was being built up based on the apostles teaching. The same here in Ephesians 4:11. This is now carried out through the pastor teachers.
10. The Holy Spirit powerfully functions (Ephesians 1:3; 13-14, 17-19; 3:16) in each believer’s life empowers them to serve by means of their spiritual gifts (Ephesians 4:7; 1
Peter 4:10) fits the body together into a unified (Ephesians 4:4-6) frame work that effectively represents the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:13,16). This leads to a spiritual temple both in each believer’s life and the church.

11. Because the Holy Spirit is fitting and building up the body there is continual spiritual increase in each believer’s life so that they achieve spiritual maturity.

12. The church is fitted into a replica of the Holy of Holiness for God (Hebrews 10:19-23).

13. All that takes place as the church is being built must function, since Christ is the head and the cornerstone, in the sphere of all that Christ is (John 3:14). He is the one who has all authority and power and is master of our souls.

C. It Blesses a Believer to Experience God Daily (vs. 22):

1. As a result of the church the Holy Spirit transforms our lives.
2. When the church is functioning in this manner each believer is in continuous state of growth led by the inner workings of the Holy Spirit.
3. The Spirit and the believer are continuously becoming one.
4. We experience an intimate experience of the Spirit of God in our inner being (Ephesians 3:19; 4:13; 5:18; Galatians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 3:17; 6:19).
5. The entire Trinity works together to achieve the church being spiritually fit as each believer is spiritually matured.