

## Why turn up to church

Luke 10:21-24

<sup>21</sup> At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, 'I praise You, Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth, because You have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what You were pleased to do.

<sup>22</sup> 'All things have been committed to Me by My Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son – and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal Him.'

<sup>23</sup> Then He turned to His disciples and said privately, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.

<sup>24</sup> For I tell you that many prophets and kings wanted to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.'

**Church maintains my** ..... v21

I give ..... praise

Praise ..... me into God's presence. Ps.100:4

Praise ..... my relationship. Prov.27:1

Praise ..... my relationship. Ps.22:3

Praise ..... the enemy. 2 Chron.20:21

Praise: inner health made audible. C S Lewis

I receive ..... perspective

I am given a ..... preview

**Church maintains my** ..... v22

I am reminded of my .....

I am reminded of my .....

No eye has seen... 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

**Church maintains my** ..... v23-24

I look forward with .....

I look backward with .....

Worth seeing; worth .....

Seek ye first... Matthew 6:33

## My prayer priorities for the week beginning 12 January 2020

### Thought starters for private reflection or group discussion

1. This text includes many positive experiences. What is their starting point (v21a), and what makes that a healthy start?
2. Define 'praise'. In what ways does giving and receiving praise change my relationships, with God and others?
3. What is the opposite of praise? What effects does it have on my relationships with God and others; and why is it so?
4. Review Jehoshaphat's battle plan (2 Chronicles 20:21). What was the strategic thinking that produced that battle plan? List some ways we can adopt that same strategy.
5. Read Luke 10:23. Why was this statement only for Jesus' disciples? Suggest ways of making the most of that blessing.

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