



INTRODUCTION

Relevant—Part 2

Rel•e•vant (adjective)

- having a bearing on or connection with the matter at hand
- meaningful or purposeful in current society or culture

Is the church still relevant today? That's a fair question. Here's another: in the face of rapid societal change and unprecedented challenge, does the church have anything to say or contribute to the world that is meaningful and helpful? A lot of people would say "no"—church is old-fashioned and irrelevant to real life.

What do you think?

Tune in to the series, Relevant, as we see how the message, methods, and ministry of The Ridge is more relevant today than ever before.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How would you describe what it was like in your family growing up? Why do you think God designed things so that children would be born within the context of a family?
2. In what ways is the church like a family?
3. Read 1 John 3:16-18 and Galatians 6:9-10. What are some specific ways we can demonstrate our love to our brothers and sisters in Christ?
4. Read Hebrews 10:24-25. Would you agree that people these days don't take "church" as seriously as they once did? Why do you think that is the case? What can we do to make sure we are staying properly connected to our church family?
5. How might you apply this lesson to your life?

APPLICATION

According to God's design, every child should be raised within a loving family. Babies need a family structure of some sort to survive and flourish. God intends for us to grow physically, but He also wants us to be able to grow spiritually. He has provided us with spiritual fathers, mothers, brothers, and sisters—He provides us with a church family. Just as in life, God does not expect us to try to navigate our faith alone.

When we place our faith in Christ, we are placed within a spiritual family, and that family is essential to our development as children of God. The church is the primary vehicle God uses to grow us spiritually.

KEY VERSES (CSB)

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| 1 Timothy 5:1-2 | Ephesians 4:31-32 |
| Romans 12:10 | 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 |
| Ephesians 4:15-16 | 1 Peter 4:10 |
| Acts 2:44-45 | John 17:18 |
| 1 John 3:17-18 | John 17:20-21 |
| Galatians 6:10 | Hebrews 10:24-25 |
| 1 John 4:11-12 | |