

iQuit!

- Sometimes we have to quit doing one thing so we can start doing the right thing.

20 A faithful person will be richly blessed... Proverbs 28:20 (NIV)

8 ...Where is there anyone as mighty as you, O LORD? You are entirely faithful. Psalm 89:8 (NLT)

- Reliability is the key that opens the hearts of others.

1 Lord! Help! Godly men are fast disappearing. Where in all the world can dependable men be found? 2 Everyone deceives and flatters and lies. There is no sincerity left. Psalm 12:1-2 (TLB)

9 Know this: GOD, your God, is God indeed, a God you can depend upon. He keeps his covenant of loyal love with those who love him and observe his commandments for a thousand generations. Deuteronomy 7:9 (MSG)

- Less than **20%** of the people who claim to attend church weekly, actually *do*.
- When we have a choice, we will choose what we value most.

Attending church is important:

- Church is an opportunity to worship God with others.

46 They worshiped together at the Temple each day... Acts 2:46 (NLT)

- Church is an opportunity to serve with people.

44 And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. Acts 2:44 (NLT)

- Church gives us a place to belong and people to build up.

46 They ... shared their meals with great joy and generosity— 47 ...enjoying the goodwill of all the people.... Acts 2:47 (NLT)

- Church is an opportunity to commit to other believers.

42 They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. Acts 2:42 (MSG)

- We can't experience the full benefits of church with partial commitment.

8 While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them. 9 Moses commanded Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand." 10 So Joshua did what Moses had commanded and fought the army of Amalek. Meanwhile, Moses, Aaron, and Hur climbed to the top of a nearby hill.

Exodus 17:8-10 (NLT)

11 As long as Moses held up the staff in his hand, the Israelites had the advantage. But whenever he dropped his hand, the Amalekites gained the advantage. 12 Moses' arms soon became so tired he could no longer hold them up. So Aaron and Hur found a stone for him to sit on. Then they stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands. So his hands held steady until sunset. 13 As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle. Exodus 17:11-13 (NLT)

The Calculated Commitment of Aaron and Hur:

- God had a purpose that required their presence.
- Their part helped their spiritual family.

Your dependability matters:

- To your Family.

- To someone who's faith is weak.

24 Let's see how inventive we can be in encouraging love and helping out, 25 not avoiding worshiping together as some do but spurring each other on, especially as we see the big Day approaching. Hebrews 10:24-25 (MSG)

- To to those you influence.

Application:

- Make your church attendance a calculated commitment.

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Questions that can be used in Connection Groups:

These questions also work well for personal time with God.

- What scripture (or point) spoke most to you from the Talk on Sunday?
- Do you find dependability to be an important quality? Why?
- Why do you think church attendance has declined in the last 20 years?
- Do you think church attendance is important? Explain.
- Go through the points under the heading - "Attending church is important". What are some other reasons you believe church attendance is important?
- Do you know someone whose dependability affected your life in a positive way?
- Do you believe that God has a purpose for you at The Quest that requires your presence?
- Do you see your participation at The Quest helping others?
- Do you believe that your dependability helps your family or those who are weak in the faith? In what ways?
- We never know who's watching us. Do you believe that your example would help others to live as a healthy part of the church?
- How can we make our church attendance a calculated commitment?

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