

# **The Church In Action**

## **Series: Ethos**

### **1. The Church Helps Me Center My Life Around God**

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Mark 12:30 (NIV)

“Christ’s love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all...” 2 Corinthians 5:14 (NIV)

“Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. Then you will experience God’s peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)

“We celebrate as we worship You.” Psalm 68:4b (CEV)

### **2. The Church Helps Me Connect With Other Believers**

“...Christ makes us one Body and individuals who are connected to each other.” Romans 12:5b (GW)

“Be devoted to one another in love.” Romans 12:10 (NIV)

“You are members of God’s very own family... and you belong in God’s household with every other Christian.” Ephesians 2:19 (LB)

Jesus said, “Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are My disciples.” John 13:35 (NLT)

### **3. The Church Helps Me Cultivate A Strong Spiritual Life**

“Christ’s Body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole Body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Ephesians 4:16 (NLT)

“Their responsibility is to equip God’s people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God’s Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ.” Ephesians 4:12-13 (NLT)

“We will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church.” Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

“For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Peter 1:5 (NIV)