



## PART 9: Why Men Hate Going to Church

### INTRODUCTION

Men have a lot of desires. Whether on the ball field, in the bedroom, in the boardroom, or while looking in their billfolds, men compare and compete. This leaves them feeling alone, isolated, and disconnected from God, which can lead to a *bad church experience*.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are you really good at—sports, music, art, business, finances? How has that gift influenced your direction in life?
2. During the message, John said, “*Jesus didn’t come to be a part of your life and he didn’t come to be a teacher for you life. He came to be your life.*” Respond to that statement. How does it challenge your assumptions about faith and life?
3. Where do you most often seek fulfillment—the ball field, the bedroom, the boardroom, or the billfold? How has that worked out for you, so far?
4. What are some of the things that make you hesitant about making Jesus the center of your life? What do you think it might cost you?
5. What might you gain from making Jesus the center of your life?
6. What is one thing you can do to move Jesus from the perimeter of your life to the center? How can this group help you?

### MOVING FORWARD

God gave us desires for external things like achievement, success, and wealth. But he didn’t intend those desires to be the source of our lives. They exist so that we can express the life that God gave us. They’re ways we can live life to the full. But that only happens when we put Jesus in the center of our lives.

### CHANGING YOUR MIND

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.*

**John 10:10**