**Why the Church**

**Psalm 63:1–5 (NLT)**

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you in this parched and weary land where there is no water. 2 I have seen you in your sanctuary and gazed upon your **power** and **glory**. 3 Your unfailing love is better than life itself; how I praise you! 4 I will praise you as long as I live, lifting up my hands to you in prayer. 5 You satisfy me more than the richest feast. I will praise you with songs of joy.

Why the church? It is where we…….

1. **Witness the glory of God.**
* Presence of God.
* Revelation of who God is.
* Isaiah 6:1 (NLT) It was in the year King Uzziah died that I saw the Lord. He was sitting on a lofty throne, and the train of his robe filled the Temple.
* Revelation of who we are.
1. **Experience the power of God.**
* Power to forgive.
* Power to change.
* ‭‭Colossians‬ ‭1:6‬ ‭NLT‬ “This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God’s wonderful grace.”
* Power to strengthen.
* Colossians 1:11 (NLT) We also pray that you will be strengthened with all his glorious power so you will have all the endurance and patience you need. May you be filled with joy,
* Power to satisfy.
1. **Witness the power of God working in others.**
* Witness others saved and delivered.
* Witness others changed.
* Witness others called into ministry.