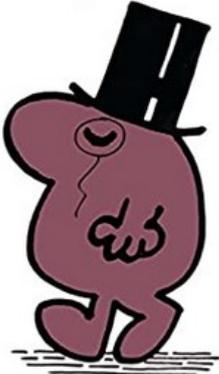
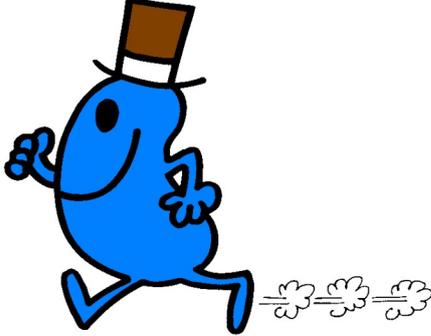
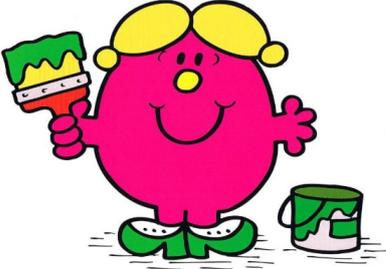


## Session 13: The Importance of attending Church

(First Pause)

Answer the following question:

Mr Smug		<p>“I can do Christianity without the Church.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes he knows better than the church.</li> <li>• Is happy to complain about the Church and its failures.</li> <li>• Doesn't attend a Church.</li> </ul>
Mr Zealous		<p>“It's all about the lost. Church is a place to be when I have the time.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constantly busy with “Christian” pursuits.</li> <li>• Attends random Churches haphazardly.</li> <li>• Preoccupied with reaching unbelievers.</li> </ul>
Mr Justice		<p>“It's ok for some – religious amusement for the masses – just not for me.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thinks that Church is fore a “type” of person. On which he is an expert.</li> <li>• Consumes his “Church intake” recreationally.</li> </ul>
Mrs Moody		<p>“The Church is all about the minister... and whether or not we're on the same page.”</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is preoccupied with the minister and leadership with the church.</li> <li>• Regular and faithful attendee of a single church.</li> </ul>

*Do you see yourself reflected in any of these characters? Have you met anyone who demonstrates these traits?*

(Second Pause)

Read Acts 2:46-47

*What should you go to church for?*

*What elements of a church service work best for you? Why do you think that is?*

(Final Section)

Answer Questions

*What do each of these scriptures instruct us to do, and how is the church well suited to do it?*

<i>Colossians 3:16, 1 Timothy 4:13</i>	
<i>Ephesians 5:19, Proverbs 25:20</i>	
<i>Philippians 4:6, 1 Timothy 2:8</i>	
<i>Acts 6:2, 15:5, 1 Thessalonians 2:13</i>	
<i>Hebrews 13:7</i>	
<i>Luke 22:14-23(19), 1 Cor 11:23-34 (24)</i>	
<i>1 Corinthians 16:1-4, 1 Timothy 6:17-18, Romans 15:22-33 (24-28), Acts 5:1-11</i>	
<i>John 4:24</i>	

*Where would you put yourself on the two-sided coin of the Regulative Principle (We should only worship in ways the Bible/God says are Good) vs the Normative principle (We can worship in any way that the Bible hasn't forbidden)?*

*How can you see this divide played out in Churches you've attended?*

*What kind of picture does Psalm 45:10-17 paint of the Church? How important does this psalm make the church appear?*

*What do you think of Gaius' challenge to make locating a good church the priority in moving location? Will you take up this challenge?*

Time permitting/for further study, a brief article explaining some of the regulative principle:  
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/blogs/kevin-deyoung/the-freedom-of-the-regulative-principle/>