



“Is Organised Religion Good?” - 31 January 2015

1. What are three things that you are a member of? (e.g. gyms, sporting clubs, interest groups, loyalty programs)?
2. What prompted you to be a member of one of the above? What does your membership involve and how long have you been a member for? What would prompt you to stop being a member?
3. Do you consider yourself to be a member of a church? How long have you been a member for? Why did you join?
4. What does the term “organised religion” mean to you? What are some of the benefits of organised religion?
5. What’s the difference between watching a soccer game alone at home vs. watching it at the stadium? Biking by yourself vs. biking with a group?
6. What don't you like about organised religion?
7. Is it ever right to leave a particular church organisation? What grounds would suffice?
8. Are some people called to form church outside organisational religion? What are some benefits of a private or independent faith model?
9. Is there an inherent conflict between loyalty to the organisation and loyalty to God? Do organisational structures encourage compliance to the organisation rather than obedience to God?
10. Does organised religion offer anything that we can't get from anywhere else?
11. Does God speak through modern committee structures?
12. Would God like all Christians to be part of a single worldwide organisation?
13. What should you do if your church organisation takes a position that you disagree with?
14. In what ways can you belong to a church rather than simply attend it?
15. What was interesting or challenging from today's Exchange?