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**L.I.F.E.**  
Live It For Eternity

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*Why does church  
matter?*

*Church matters...*

**...because of its founder.**

*"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it."*  
(Matthew 16:16-18, NIV)

*...Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.*  
(Ephesians 5:25b, NIV)

**...because of the people.**

*So all of you should live together in peace. Try to understand each other. Love each other like brothers and sisters. Be kind and humble. (1 Peter 3:8, ETRV)*

*3 core values at LifePoint:*

1. After God, people are what matter most.
2. Love people when they least expect it and least deserve it.

*But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (Romans 5:8, NLT)*

3. It's never too late to be who you might have been.

**...because of its positive influence.**