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## The Inception

Galilee Grace Church English Ministry (GGCEM) was established by pastor Julian Han on September 7, 2008, consisting of English-speaking young adults, ranging from college students, professionals of singles and married couples. GGCEM had a humble beginning, starting with less than 10 people interested in Jesus Christ.

## The Journey

GGCEM's journey has been filled with both struggles and blessings. The first six years were tumultuous, marked by few people, stagnant faith and a lack of fruitfulness. Hence, the ministry's initial goal was to simply plant the seed of the gospel, with hope and prayers for its actualization. By the grace of God, after 6 years, young men and women gradually began to respond to the gospel message, resulting in sparks of vibrancy.



## Church??

One of the questions I find myself most frequently answering with many young Christians is: “why do I have to attend church?” Their approach tends to be:

“I don’t have to go to church to be a Christian.”

“Church is a human idea.”

“The Bible never says that Christians have to go to church every Sunday.”

This topic can be addressed in a variety of ways but the underlying premise seems to always be the same: “I am a Christian but I don’t need to be a part of a church.” There may be countless reasons for these “anti-Church” views, so I would like to take a moment to briefly address couple of points to consider regarding church before making any cursory opinion about church.

## The End and The Beginning

The 11-year history of GGCEM came to an end on January 31st, 2019. Yet, this was neither due to scandal or ministerial struggles. As much as GGCEM has blessed many people for many years, its capacity was inherently limited due to it being rooted in an immigrant church. Thus, in order to solidify its future direction and to fully actualize its identity as a faithful body of Christ, with blessings from Galilee Grace's Korean Ministry and through a year's worth of preparation, Mustard Seed Community Church (MSCC) was established on February 1, 2019.

MSCC does and will continually hold a positive relationship with the GGCKM. Overall, it was the right time for the young men and women of GGCEM to take ownership of their own local community of God and fully engage themselves in building up the local body of Christ. As MSCC embarks on this new journey, we pray that the Holy Spirit will lead this church to fulfill all of God's callings and to faithfully glorify our lord Jesus Christ. Hence, MSCC humbly asks for your prayers and blessings for its future and its works as well. Soli Deo Gloria!

First, Jesus Christ himself established the church. Matthew 16:18 states, "on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." Basically, the church is God's idea and plan from the beginning; hence, as God's people, it's more than legitimate to actively and deeply engage in God's plan.

Second, Church is described as the "body of Christ" (Colossians 1:18). The church is so intimately knitted to Jesus Christ that it cannot be separated. If a person says "I love Jesus but I dislike the church", the person is actually saying, "I want to decapitate the head from the body and only have a relationship with the head." This is not to say that a person cannot be saved outside of church; rather it is to say that the healthy Christian life cannot be lived out without being plugged into a local church.

Third, the Scripture instructs God's people to be fully engage in a local body of believers. According to Hebrews 10:24-25, believers are to "not neglect to meet together..." Christians are God's people who submit to God's Word, and the Word of God instructs us to be fully engage in the local body; thus, let us obey!

To conclude, I encourage all of God's people to not merely attend church, but to be plugged into a local body in order to serve, edify and love one another, through which Christians bring glory unto God! "...to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen." - Ephesians 3:21.



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