

# Dial a Church

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**Genre:** Comedy

**Time:** 5 Mins

**Cast:** 2 M

**Theme:** Christian Community

**Scripture:** Ephes. 2:10

**Suggested use:** 40 days of Purpose

**Synopsis:** A comedy about what it means to be part of a church community. A well meaning visitation Pastor encounters two very unusual church "families".

**Characters:** #1 Bruce, visitation Pastor

#2 plays both people visited

**Props:** Blank stage with a closed free standing door center stage. Construction hat with battery powered flashing Christmas tree lights and knobs glued on it, prayer cloth, apron, and wig.

**Sound:** Wireless mikes

**Lighting:** General Stage lighting

*First actor enters and knocks at the door, no answer, knocks again. Door opens, actor comes out looking very confused.*

#1: Good morning sir. I'm Bruce from Life Bible Fellowship Church and we are conducting a survey of our community... to see how many people have a church family.

#2: Hunh?

#1: Well sir - do you have one?

#2: One what?

#1: A church family?

#2: Oh yes, of course I do. *(pause)*

#1: May I ask what church you attend?

#2: Sure you can? *(pause)*

#1: Ok..... What church do you attend?

#2: Oh....that's what you wanted to know man? Why didn't you just ask?.... I attend, K G O D. *(spells it out)*

#1: K G O D?

#2: Yelp...largest church in the universe. Over two million people tune in each and every week to hear the Reverend Billy Bob Thornblanket continue in his three-year series on Rev. 20..."Will the real antichrist please stand up?"

#1: 3 years?

#2: Yelp - that's why I've been able to wallpaper my entire family room with the expansive antichrist genealogy chart, documenting the complete family history of the antichrist. He was a Hittite moneychanger.

#1: Excuse me?

#2: The ancient ancestor of the antichrist was a Hittite moneychanger. I mean it all makes sense, doesn't it? Everyone knows that the seat of Satan is the World Bank.

#1: Ok....well sir that's all very interesting, but what do you do for **community**. You know worship, praise, study in texts other than Rev. 20, celebrating communion, baptism....ministering; you know leading others to Christ?

#2: Don't need all that - to scared - spend every spare minute studying my charts and stocking up on my bomb shelter's organic food supply. *(whispers)* We don't want the neighbors to know about that now do we? *(closes the door)*

#1: Wow that was weird...3 years on Rev. 20. I thought Tim's sermon series were long. Hope he never hears about this. *(Improves as required to allow costume change; knocks on door, door opens same actor dressed in apron and wig)* Excuse me mam....I'm Bruce from Life Bible Fellowship Church and we're asking our neighbors if they belong to a church community?

#2: Well Brucey - I attend Dr. P.G. Browns Virtual Church of the Glowing Light...."The, **have it your way** church".

#1: I'm not familiar with that congregation....where do you meet?

#2: Well sonny - Hold on just a minute *(gets helmet and puts on. Helmet can be a hard hat with TV antenna, knobs and blinking lights hot glued on)*. All we have to do is to put on the Virtual church of the glowing light's interactive helmet and Vola'....church any time, day or night. Look at all the beautiful people. You can even dial in the type of service you want. *(turns knob on helmet)* Here's your traditional, contemporary and exploratory service..... Boomer, Gen-X and ancient of days..... with God or without God.

#1: With God or without God?

#2: Why there's even a 12th-century service...love those Gregorian Chants (*chants; I can beat anyone in a game of dominos, takes off the helmet*). Why you can even dial in the sermons length and topic. I like the short funny ones.

#1: Well, I'm sure you do. That's all very interesting....but what about fellowship, interacting, prayer for one another.....bearing one another's burdens.....(frustrated) .....POT LUCKS?

#2: Well if we ever had any *problems*, Dr. Brown has sent every member of his virtual church a specially anointed prayer cloth (*pulls out very long "prayer" cloth*). All we have to do is.... have a good cry.... wipe our tears away with this cloth.... and you can feel the good doctor's virtual compassion. (*Holds up cloth and wipe away imaginary tear*).

#1: And that works????

#2: Well sure dearie.....it's so much less complicated than getting involved with REAL PEOPLE.

#1: Isn't that the point?

#2: Sorry?

#1: REAL PEOPLE.....you know getting involved with real people, real problems, real joys..... real compassion!

#2: (*puts helmet back on*) Don't be silly. (*Exits through door leaving #1 looking bewildered*).

*Fade to black*

