

SR **EXIT** ➤ finding a church. practical points.

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- find out about the church's mission and vision
- introduce yourself. don't wait to be "found"
- meet with the pastor or a staff member (listen and ask questions)
- find out who/how people are serving in the church and outside it
- attend introduction to the church courses or congregational meetings
- ask about the budget breakdown. find out what they value
- don't assume that if you find a church called "calvary" in your next location that it will be anything like calvary here.
- ask us to help and/or try www.9marks.org/churchsearch or www.convergeworldwide.org/locate-converge
- pray, seek, and commit

what an EXIT alum says about finding a church:

One of the big changes was finding out that you have to go after everything that you want...In school everything came at me as far as group meetings and opportunities... Now, it's about searching things out, even as far as the churches. I am definitely much more self-driven than I would have thought. Because there is such a diverse range of people and ages, you really have to seek things out – I'm in this place and time now where you don't get that focus group of similar background and ages.

The first three months out I was really in transition. I thought, "I don't know what I am doing!" In those months, I had some of those nights of "What am I doing? Am I really supposed to be here, God?" I found my church down here about four months into moving, and that was big. A turning point, really. I actually used that thing, that 3x5 card on Finding a Church [from EXIT] — that card's still on my fridge. I was asking some of the questions of the pastor of the church I was checking out and they were like "Do you really want to know all this stuff!"

Also, Johnny Pons [EXIT team member] had friends down here that he put me in contact with. They gave me some guidance, but I also did a lot trying it out, praying about it – and then making a decision.

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