Three Good Reasons to Attend Every Service of Our Meeting
Neh. 8:1-3

Introduction:
A. This meeting in Israel should inspire us.
   1. The message – “the book of the law of Moses”
   2. The length – “from morning until midday”
   3. The attention – “ears...were attentive unto the book of the law.”
   4. The method – read - gave sense – helped understand.”
B. There are three good reasons to attend our meeting.

Discussion:
I. The Message Preached
   A. It is powerful (Rom. 1:15, 16; 1 Cor. 1:23, 24)
   B. It is priceless (Eph. 3:6-12; 2 Cor. 4:5-7)
   C. It is precious/rare/unique (Phil. 1:27; Eph 4:5; Gal. 1:6-9)
   D. It is practical (1 Cor. 15:1-4)
II. The Persons Present
   A. The Lord in a special way (Matt. 18:20)
   B. The members.
      1. Opportunity to edify one another (1 Cor. 14:3-5, 12, 17, 26).
      2. Opportunity to strengthen the weak (cf. 1 Thess. 5:14)
   C. The visitors.
      1. From other congregations.
         a. Opportunity to know them.
         b. Opportunity to learn to love them (cf. 1 Pet. 2:17).
      2. From the community.
         a. Opportunity to influence them.
         b. Opportunity to follow up.
III. The Community Perception
   A. Perception is important (1 Cor. 10:8-11)
   B. We must try to be a positive influence (Matt. 5:13-16; Phil. 2:15, 16)
   C. What the number of cars in parking lots says to passerby.
      1. If more than usual – “This must be a major event.”
      2. If less than usual - “This must be a minor event.”
   D. What the empty seat says to the visitor from the community.
      1. I am often asked, “Doesn’t Blank go to church here.”
      2. When members present is fraction of Sunday morning attendance.
      3. What if invited neighbor for dinner and you didn’t show up.
   E. Will never show community that gospel/church important until it becomes most important with us.

Conclusion:
A. Entire meeting will take less time than Ezra’s reading of the law.
B. Think about these reasons to attend.