

THE THINGS WE DO

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WARM UP QUESTIONS: Why does physically gathering together as Christians matter so much?

READ: Hebrews 10:19-25; James 2:14-26; Matthew 18:20

FOCUS: Why does gathering together matter?

OBSERVE:

- Gathering together is a nonnegotiable for Christ followers according to God's word. We can't practice Christianity alone; our faith in Christ is not only anchored in our vertical relationship with Jesus, but it is also anchored in our horizontal relationship with his church. For our own good and the glory of God, scripture does not permit us to isolate ourselves or our families from church gatherings. If you are isolated, you are scattered and vulnerable to the enemy.
- Make gathering together to worship God with His people a priority and habit. Jesus made gathering together to worship the Heavenly Father with His people a priority and habit. (Lk. 4:16) The church at its very inception, continued the pattern that was modeled by Jesus. (Acts 2:42). We should prioritize gathering, whether Sunday worship, youth group, large group gatherings, small groups or one-on-one discipleship.
- When we gather together, God's blessing is multiplied, God's presence is amplified, and God's name is glorified. We can experience the presence of God in wonderful ways by ourselves however, God's presence is amplified when we gather, which means it becomes more noticeable, tangible and more distinct. Jesus assured us that if two or more are gathered together in His name, He will be there in our midst.

TAKING ACTION:

- Do you regularly attend the corporate Sunday service? Are you serving on a Go Team? Are you part of a Life group? Find a way to experience more of the joy and blessings of gathering together with the people of God.
- Invite a friend/acquaintance who is not actively gathering together to attend Sunday service or a Life Group you attend.

REFLECT:

- Do you find it hard to gather together? Do you struggle with isolation? Why?
- Have you personally experienced the joys of gathering together with other believers?

PRAY: Heavenly Father, I ask that You would help me to reject the temptation to not gather together and isolate. Help me to prioritize building relationships with Your people. As we gather together, equip and enable us to help one another grow and strengthen us to be on one accord with gladness and singleness of heart as we praise You. Thank You, in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

