



COMMUNITY

SUNDAY GATHERINGS/CORPORATE WORSHIP

Objective for Learning: To understand the deep Biblical importance of gathering as the corporate body of Christ.

Objective for Living: To be a committed and participating member of Sunday/weekend church gatherings who prioritizes this gathering weekly.

Objective for Reproducing: To be able to effectively communicate the Biblical importance of these gatherings and be able to effectively invite and assimilate others into Sunday/weekend church gatherings.

Scriptures for Sunday Gatherings/Corporate Worship:

- Acts 2:42, 46-47
- Acts 20:28
- Acts 5:42
- Hebrew 10:24-25
- Acts 15:30-32
- Ephesians 2:19-21
- Matthew 18:20
- Ephesians 4:11-16

How do each of these Scriptures help to **define** and **illuminate** why Sunday gatherings/corporate worship is important?

Hearing (Discussion Points and Questions):

Overview:

Our Christian faith is not practiced by a group of isolated individuals, but by a corporate body with many members who are united together by their faith in Jesus Christ. The church is not a building or an actual location: the church is the people gathered in Jesus' name. While this corporate gathering may be reflected in different ways of worship (Ephesians 5:19), teaching and preaching (2 Timothy 3:16, 2 Timothy 4:2), evangelism (Acts 2:46-47), etc., the end goal always centers around exaltation of Jesus, the building up of disciples, and reaching those who do not yet know Him. Scripture is clear that this gathering should be a foundational rhythm in the life of any follower of Jesus.

Questions for Learning and Living:

- In your own words, why is gathering together as a corporate body such a high priority in the Scriptures?
- What do you get/participate in at a corporate gathering of the body of Christ that you cannot get elsewhere?
- What are the things that you personally can bring to the corporate gathering to edify those who are gathering with you?

Questions for Reproducing:

- How would you respond to someone who says that they don't need to go to church to follow Jesus?
- What are some ways that you have successfully invited people to church?
- How have you effectively gotten them to plug in and remain a part of your church body?

Doing (Implementation and Application):

- What is Jesus saying to you about this?
- How are you going to respond? Look at your personal discipleship assessment.
 - Give 1-3 concrete action steps that you are going to do this week to help you take the next step of learning, living, or reproducing in this area.
- Challenge each other to invite to the Sunday gathering/corporate worship setting you attend this week.
- Choose one of the Scriptures that really impacted you and commit to memorizing it this week.