



Series: How do WE walk with Christ? (03)

Title: Gathering with Other Believers Often (Large Group and Small Group)

Not Forsaking Fellowship and worship - how Christ shapes us through small groups and Corporate Worship

Scripture: Hebrews 10:1-39

Big Idea: Christ shapes us through corporate worship and small groups.

Truth: God made us for fellowship with Him and one another.

How do I walk with Jesus?

- Reading the Word of God
- Praying from power
- Evangelizing anyone
- Singing for survival
- Sabbathing in and with Jesus
- Pleading/Picturing/Prizing/Preaching the blood of Jesus

How do WE walk with Jesus?

- Loving the people in our lives (Church family, family, world)
- Forgiving the people in our lives
- Gathering with other believers often (large group, small group, and service)

1. Our gatherings do not take away sins. (Heb. 10:1-4)

- The law can never make people perfect. (v. 1)

2. Our gatherings proclaim the Gospel to one another and the world. (Heb. 10:5-14)

- The will of God through Jesus Christ's offering of His body for sins makes people perfect. (v. 10, 12, 14)

3. Our gatherings remind us of the divine power we have. (Heb. 10:15-21)

- 1) We have been made holy through Jesus's blood sacrifice.
- 2) We have the Holy Spirit as a witness of our salvation.
 - a) The Holy Spirit is the sign of our covenant with God.
 - b) The Holy Spirit writes the law on our hearts and minds.
 - c) The Holy Spirit gives us assurance that God has forgiven and forgotten our sins.
- 3) We have confidence to enter the presence of God.

4. Our gatherings have a desperate purpose for us to live out. (Heb. 10:22-25)

- 1) *Let us* draw near to God with a sincere heart.
 - a) What stirs your affections for Jesus?
 - b) What robs your affections for Jesus?
- 2) *Let us* hold fast the confession of our hope.
 - a) We do not waver because Jesus is faithful.
 - b) We do not add anything to our confession.

We do not go to church, we are the church, therefore we belong to one another.

- 3) *Let us* consider how to stimulate one another to love and do good deeds.
 - a) Gather together with other believers regularly. (the gathered church)
 - i) Am I worshipping by singing and hearing the Word of God preached regularly with others?
 - b) Encourage one another in the Word, worship, and relationships. (small group)
 - i) Do I know any believers intimately enough to encourage them?
 - ii) Do any believers know me intimately enough to encourage me?
 - c) Be on mission with God and others. (serving together in evangelism, ministry, and mission)
 - i) Am I serving in a capacity that shares my faith with someone?

5. Our isolation has a destructive poison that has collateral damage. (Heb. 10:26-39)

- We forget our faith.
- We trample on the blood of Jesus.
- We throw away our confidence.
- We lack endurance and opportunities for our endurance to be stirred up.
- We shrink back from the faith.

Definition of the Church:

A church is an assembled group of people called out by God who:

1. Hear, read, study, memorize, meditate, proclaim, do and share the Word of God.
2. Practice the ordinances of Christ (Baptism & The Supper).
3. Are accountable to one another for Holy Living and the Great Commission.