



Bible Study

Part 1 – Gathering is Good

Watch video: God's People Gather – Worship

Read first section of paper pp.1-2

God's people gather (pp. 1-2)

1. What makes the gathering of Christians in a local congregation a “unique gathering?”
2. How does God show us from the very beginning that we need other people? The first man and woman were created uniquely and interdependent. How is this also true about Christians gathered in a congregation?
3. Give some examples from Scripture that show that God has a desire to be near his people? Why is this so amazing?
4. Describe the gathering of the first Christians (Acts 2:46-47)? How is different from our gatherings today? How is it the same?

Read next section of paper pp.2-3

Be patient and understanding (pp.2-3)

1. As we encourage Christians to return to in person worship, what are some things we might want to keep in mind about their personal situations?
2. Are you more of a "faith person" or a "cautious person?" How might "faith people" view "cautious people?" How might "cautious people" view "faith people?" Why are both types of people necessary for making godly and informed decisions in a congregation?

Watch video: God's People Gather - Community

Discussion Questions

1. There are many reasons some are not ready to come back to public worship. What do you suppose is the most common reason some haven't been back to worship in *your* congregation?
2. To a certain degree it has always been "riskier" (falling on ice, car accidents, viruses, etc.) to leave the house and come to church than to stay at home. How might we help our fellow Christians assess risk levels and consider the reward of gathering for worship?
3. Agree/Disagree: When we are encouraging fellow believers to come back to worship it is better to emphasize the blessings of in person worship than to lay a guilt trip on them.

Closing Prayer