



## **Bible Study**

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### **Part 2 – Encouraging One Another**

*Watch video: God's People Gather – Lord's Supper*

*Read paper Emphasize the blessings of in person worship pp. 3-5*

#### *Emphasize the blessings of in person worship*

1. While online worship might not be ideal, it has proven to be a blessing in certain circumstances. Give some examples of how it can be a blessing.
2. What did you miss most about not seeing people in person during quarantine?
3. The Lord's Supper connects us to Christ and his forgiveness and to one another. How is our celebration of the Lord's Supper a visible expression of this?
4. While there is a part of us that might not like the idea of having someone "looking over us," why is it actually a blessing to have a shepherd watching over us?
5. There is an incarnational pattern in God's love for us. He came to be with us – to suffer and die for us. How does this pattern show itself in the Christian life (1 John 4:19-21)? Give some examples of how we do this when we come together as a congregation?

*Read next section of paper pp.6-7*

6. The mentioned a few ways that our presence in worship can encourage others. Share some other examples of how fellow Christians encourage you when you gather together?
  
7. If someone were to observe where you go and what you do in your everyday life, what would it tell them about your commitments and priorities? What positive message does it send when we make worshipping together a priority?
  
8. Many Christians had an emotional, even visceral reaction, when they were able to gather together for worship again. As we encourage others to come back to worship, what are some ways we can emphasize the blessings we've experienced?

*Watch video: God's People Gather - Service*

### ***Discussion Questions***

1. Like their Savior, a Christian congregation seeks to serve rather than be served. What are some ways our congregation can show the love of Christ in our community?
  
2. We might have many concerns about what our congregation will look like after the dust settles for this current challenge. How does the fact that the Church is Jesus' Church and not ours give us confidence as we go forth into the future?

*Closing Prayer*