

Gathered Together Part 2

Part 2 of the *I'm In* series

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Why it's important that we gather together as the church...

- Survival (Hebrews 10:24-25)

- Meaning

Away with your noisy hymns of praise! I will not listen to the music of your harps. Instead, I want to see a mighty flood of justice, an endless river of righteous living.

Amos 5:23-24 NLT

Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

Isaiah 1:17

God wants us to meet together but what he wants is for our meeting together to count for something bigger.

Hugh Halter

- Belonging

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Ephesians 2:19-21

- Worship (Psalm 100)

Three parts to a great weekend service experience...

- God's part

For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them. Matthew 18:20, ESV

- Our part

Intimacy vs Impact

- Your part

Am I coming to consume or contribute?

Am I expecting God to work in my life?

Am I ready to exchange a spirit of heaviness for a garment of praise? (Isaiah 61:3)

A Question from our Core Commitments: *Am I consistently attending corporate worship gatherings?*

Next Steps

Take some time to answer the following questions with your spouse, children, or small group...

- What makes you show up for a weekend church service?
- How can you help create a sense of belonging or family during a weekend service?
- Read through Psalm 100. How does this verse describe a worship service? What's the heart of the worshiper? What would need to change in order for this to be a reflection of you when you show up for a worship service?
- What are some ways you can be more of a contributor rather than a consumer during church services?