

Session for
Christian Gathers



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MEET WITH A FRIEND

- **Share** any thoughts/reflection/questions you had on the session.
- **Discuss/Apply**
 - How can you be intentional about gathering with God's people, as a church?
 - In what ways can you live out your role as part of the local church?
- **Pray** for each other in light of what you have talked about today.

SESSION SUMMARY

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

- Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

- Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

1. What is "gather" and what is a church?

Biblical Images of a Church:

- Body of Christ (Eph 5:23)
- God's family (1 Tim 3:15)
- Fellowship (Acts 2:41-47)

unity in diversity

2. Why do we gather as a church?

- We are committed to one another
- We are accountable to one another
- We disciple one another towards holiness
- We use our spiritual gifts to build up the body

3. What do we do when we gather?

- Offer mutual discipleship and encouragement (Acts 2:42-47, Heb 10:24-25)
 - Build relationships with one another
 - Maintain unity, resolving disagreements and conflicts
 - Love one another
 - Serve one another
 - Encourage one another

- Solemnly consider and live out our local church's Statement of Faith and Covenant

4. How do we gather as a church?

- Corporate Worship Service
- Weekly/fortnightly Care Group (CG) meetings
- Prayer Meetings
- Congregational Meetings (QCM, AGM, EGM)
- Others (church picnics, church camps, fellowship meals, etc.)

We gather as **regularly** as we possibly can.

GBC Members' Covenant:

- *We will not neglect to gather regularly for corporate worship, or to pray for ourselves and others. (Heb 10:25; Col 4:2)*
- *We will, when we move from this place, join another Gospel-preaching church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.*