

Grownups

(Gathering)

AKA...Church attendance

1.4.26

Quick review....

I Peter 2:2 <sup>2</sup> Like newborn infants, desire the pure milk of the word, <sup>[a]</sup> so that by it you may grow up into your salvation,

Remember..never fully complete and mature but always striving for it.

**Philippians 3:12-14 <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already reached the goal or am already perfect, but I make every effort to take hold of it because I also have been taken hold of by Christ Jesus. <sup>13</sup> Brothers and sisters, I do not <sup>[a]</sup> consider myself to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and reaching forward to what is ahead, <sup>14</sup> I pursue as my goal the prize promised by God's heavenly <sup>[b]</sup> call in Christ Jesus.**

Hebrews 10: <sup>22</sup> let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful.

<sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.

I. Why gather?

A. Because scripture is clear. Believers are supposed to gather.

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I Cor 16:2 On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering, so that no collections will need to be made when I come.

--Leadership principle

I Peter 5:2 Shepherd God's flock among you, not overseeing<sup>[a]</sup> out of compulsion but willingly, as God would have you;<sup>[b]</sup> not out of greed for money but eagerly;

--One another principle

C....cheerleaders

I....instructors

A....accountability

B. Because it's good for you as a believer.

I Cor 12: <sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body—so also is Christ

1. You are not superman. There never have been lone rangers in scripture.

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2. You need others to grow

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- Faith ([1 Corinthians 12:9](#))

- Discernment ([1 Corinthians 12:10](#))

- Wisdom ([1 Corinthians 12:8](#))

- Knowledge ([1 Corinthians 12:8](#))

- Evangelism: passionately leading others to the saving knowledge of Christ ([Ephesians 4:11](#))

- Prophecy: boldly and fearlessly proclaiming God's truth ([Romans 12:6](#); [Ephesians 4:11](#); [1 Corinthians 12:10, 28](#))
- Teaching: making clear the truth of God's Word with simplicity and accuracy ([Romans 12:7](#); [1 Corinthians 12:28](#))
- Exhortation: motivating others to action, application, and purpose ([Romans 12:8](#))
- Shepherding: overseeing, training, feeding, coaching/leading ([Ephesians 4:11](#))
- Serving: providing practical help both physically and spiritually ([Romans 12:7](#); [1 Corinthians 12:28](#))
- Mercy-showing: identifying with and comforting those in need ([Romans 12:8](#))
- Giving: releasing material resources to further the work of the Church ([Romans 12:8](#))
- Administration: organizing, administering, promoting, leading ([Romans 12:8](#); [1 Corinthians 12:28](#))

3. Because we need you!

4. Because a "non-gatherer" is in spiritual danger.

Matt 24:13 But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Heb 10: <sup>23</sup> Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, <sup>25</sup> not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching.<sup>29</sup> How much worse punishment do you think one will deserve who has trampled on the Son of God, who has regarded as profane<sup>Ⓢ</sup> the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? <sup>30</sup> For we know the one who has said,

**Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay,**<sup>ⓈⓉ</sup>

and again,

**The Lord will judge his people.**<sup>Ⓢ</sup>

<sup>31</sup> It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

--What are the potential consequences?

-Spiritual immaturity

I Cor 3: <sup>2</sup>I gave you milk to drink, not solid food, since you were not yet ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready, <sup>3</sup> because you are still worldly. For since there is envy and strife<sup>[a]</sup> among you, are you not worldly and behaving like mere humans?

-Biblically illiteracy

-Lost Generation

Deut 11:19<sup>9</sup> Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Close:

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Close:

Stop going to church everywhere and start belonging to church somewhere.

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