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Hebrews 10:23-25

We gather together for worship each week ...

- To remind ourselves that there is a _____ to the _____, and it's not _____. – Revelation 4:1-11
- To mutually _____ and _____ each other through a shared _____ together. – Colossians 3:16
- To _____ us out on _____ with Jesus. – Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 4:31

Let's recommit ourselves to ...

- Gather _____
- Gather with _____
- Gather to _____
- _____ like it matters

Monday

READ: Hebrews 10:23-25

REFLECT: Unfortunately, it's too easy to get in the habit of not gathering with God's people on the weekend. If there's anything this pandemic has taught us, it's that we need the encouragement of others. Technology is a good tool to help us do this, but nothing compares to physically gathering together!

RESPOND: How has the pandemic shaped your perspective of being with God's people? Did you yearn for it? Or did you not miss it? Why or why not?

Tuesday

READ: Revelation 4:1-11

REFLECT: Every time we gather together to worship God, we experience a taste of what is to come in heaven. Worship in heaven will be singularly focused and centered around God as our Creator and King. In the meantime, we can reflect worship "as it is in heaven."

RESPOND: How can your future worship impact your present worship? Are there any other "gods" that you worship throughout the week?

Wednesday

READ: Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19; Acts 16:25; 1 Samuel 16:14-23

REFLECT: Our voices are given to us so that we might praise God in our speech and our singing. Scripture speaks about Christians singing together. When we sing about who God is and the hope we have in Him, it redirects our focus from our problems to God.

RESPOND: How has singing with other Christians helped you? Do these times shift your focus? How is it different than singing and worshipping God alone?

Thursday

READ: 2 Samuel 24:18-25

REFLECT: When we gather with others to worship, it causes us to visually see there are others who are following God like us. If we don't make a habit of gathering with other believers for worship, then it's too easy to become self-centered. God desires that we serve others and give ourselves away to them. As the church gradually regathers, this could be a good time to renew your commitment to serve God and others.

RESPOND: How are you giving yourself away for the benefit of others? Are you serving your church family in some capacity? If not, why?

Friday

READ: Matthew 28:18-20

REFLECT: We gather together for worship and teaching in order to "send out" ourselves and others. When we leave the church campus, we, in a sense, are entering our own mission field. As we are sent out after gathering with other believers, we can be encouraged that we are not the only ones doing God's mission.

RESPOND: How can this perspective change the way you look at your workplace or school? How can you pray for others who are also sent out to do God's mission?