

THE CHURCH

ITS WORSHIP

EVERYONE WHO IS CALLED BY MY NAME, WHOM I
HAVE CREATED FOR MY GLORY; I HAVE FORMED HIM,
YES, I HAVE MADE HIM.“

Isaiah 43:7 (p 833)



Appraising the church for our Generation
*Why the church exists and what purposes it serves for
God and for disciples*

Four Questions

1. Is worship meant to be a communal action?
2. Are there advantages to worshiping online?
3. Is community worship different, and if so, how?
4. How does the church fit into the need for community worship?



The Assembly Versus The Non-Assembly

God requires His saints to assemble!

First day of the week

Jesus rose

Mark 16:9 (p 1176)

Jesus met with disciples

John 20:19 (p 1250)

Church established

Acts 2 (p 1253)



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N. T. Church assembled

Acts 20:7 (p 1280) 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (p 1325)

Breaking of bread

Acts 20:7 (p 1280) Hebrews 10:25-31 (p 1381)



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Church at Corinth - 1 Corinthians (p 1310)

“Come together” 11:17,18,20,33,34

“Come together” 14:23,26

“Come together” 7:5

“when you are gathered together” 5:4



When asked why people do not attend church assemblies, **45%** said a major factor was that they prefer to worship on their own. (*Hayward Poll*)



And when Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, and did not believe that he was a disciple.

Acts 9:26 (p 1264)



GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD WHO, IN LOVE, DEMANDS RESPECT AND WORSHIP ACCORDING TO THE TRUTH.

- Man picking up sticks
Numbers 15:32-36 (p 171)
- Nadab and Abihu
Leviticus 10:1-3 (p 121)



Why Is Worshipping Together So Important?

Genesis 2:18-24 (p 3)

"It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him."

Matthew 19:6 = *joined together* (p 1134)



EVEN IN PARADISE, ADAM WAS NOT HAPPY ALONE

What Benefits Are There In Collective Worship?

- ✓ We need each other - created for relationships

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (p 1321)

1 Corinthians 14:15, 26 (p 1322)

- ✓ Edification is a two-way street (singing)

Ephesians 5:19 (p 1346)



What Benefits Are There In Collective Worship?

- ✓ The work of the church involves everyone

Ephesians 4:16 Every part (p 1345)

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (p 1356)

- ✓ Church is made up of different people

Galatians 3:27-29 (p 1339)

Colossians 3:11 (p 1354)



AND LET US CONSIDER ONE ANOTHER IN ORDER TO STIR UP
LOVE AND GOOD WORKS

Hebrews 10:24 (p 1381)

*THERE IS A NEED FOR STIRRING ONE ANOTHER, AND
THAT STIRRING CANNOT BE DONE REMOTELY.*





A Song of Ascents. Of
David. I was glad
when they said to me,
"Let us go into the
house of the Lord."
Psalm 122:1 (p 711)



For a day in Your
courts is better than a
thousand. I would
rather be a
doorkeeper in the
house of my God than
dwell in the tents of
wickedness.

Psalm 84:10 (p 678)



So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up.

And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.

Luke 4:16 (p 1183)

