

Text: Hebrews 10:19-25



**Elements of Gathered Worship:**

- Inspiration
  - *Praise and Prayer*
- Instruction
  - *Basis of Life Groups*
- Large Apostolic Action
  - *Missions*
  - *Maranatha Messengers*
  - *Community Connection*
  - *Benevolence*

## The Rationale for Gathering

- Why do we gather for worship?
  - For the author of Hebrews, the most fundamental reason for Christians to gather is Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- This fundamental reason corrects \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Gathered worship is the primary means of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- Gathered worship is the fundamental environment for \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_.

## The Practices of Gathering

- The fundamental purpose of gathering is \_\_\_\_\_.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- When we gather, our direct access merges into a \_\_\_\_\_.

## Life Enrichment

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What about today's sermon challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- Why do you think so many American Christians are leaving the church?
- What do they hope to accomplish by leaving?
- What are American churches doing to try and stem the trend away from church attendance? Do think it has been successful? Why, or why not?
- According to the author of Hebrews, what is the most fundamental reason for gathered worship?
- How does this fundamental reason help shape our view and practice of worship?
- What are the dangers of abandoning the weekly church gathering?
- How does it impact the church when people withdraw from gathered worship?
- What do you do to prepare yourself for the church's weekly gathering? How does this compare with what our text suggests we should do?
- What makes gathered worship unlike private devotions?
- What has the Spirit spoken to you about the significance of gathering? How do you intend on applying His instructions?