

When Worshipers Gather

Hebrews 10:19-25

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Worshipping God is not meant to be a solo act but a communal event. True worshippers come together to worship God; it is done in the company of others in the congregation (Ps. 111:1). *“Thanking and praising God in the midst of the congregation is more than a good idea. It’s what true worshipers were made for and central to what God is doing on the earth.”* – Bob Kauflin.

When We Worship Together:

1. We Draw Near to God (v22)

The book of Hebrews was written to persecuted Christians to strengthen their faith through the supremacy and sufficiency of Christ. Their gatherings had placed great risk to their lives. They would face dangers like the saints in the Old Testament (Heb. 11:36-37). While we might not face the same kind of persecution now, we still face opposition to our gathering. God calls His people to draw near to Him and in doing so, draw near to one another (v22). Our gatherings to worship, whether in homes or physically on-site, are not about us; it is about God! He is worthy of all our worship and calls us to draw near to Him, together with other believers in one heart, spirit and body, through our praise and worship! We deepen our faith by drawing to God and one another.

2. We Hold Fast to The Gospel (v23)

v23 – Holding fast to the gospel is a directive to believers to persevere in their confession of hope. The gospel is the power of God, and we must hold fast to it. The temptation is for us to turn to other

things for false hope and fake promises. In this spiritual battle (Eph. 6), the enemy seeks to isolate us. We should not fight this alone! Join the army of God and battle as a battalion of fighters in the Kingdom of God. Walk alongside and support one another in our struggles. Listen and remind one another of the truths and promises of the Bible. Hold fast to the gospel in worship together! God who promises is faithful.

3. We Love & Encourage One Another

The writer addressed a problem in the church – some people had made a habit of neglecting to meet together (v25a). Those who did that affected the function of a church community. They could not give or receive love, good works and encouragement. They acted as solo Christians. The purpose of meeting together is to stir up one another to love and good works and to encourage one another (vv. 24-25). These are things we can only do when we are in the company of one another. The picture of a God-glorifying and Christ-exalting community is one where we can show concern to one another above the interest of ourselves and display agape love to each other. Worshipping God is about the posture of our hearts, the attitude of our souls and the coming together of believers to worship God as His people.

Call for Action

#1 Worship together – join the Sunday Service Experience in a home, join the physical Sunday service.

#2 Do life together – visit a cell, commit to a cell.

#3 Reach out to someone who has drifted away