

WHEN WE GATHER

WEEK 4: WORSHIP IN SCRIPTURE PRAYER

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERIES

Acts 2:44 ~ “And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common.”

Acts 20:7 ~ “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together...”

- Christians since the birth of the church have gathered together for a purpose that they might praise God and grow together in truth; then they depart to spread the gospel of our Savior.
- Many churches will gather together today, and it might look quite different from one church to another. But all that we do has a purpose.
- Over the course of this mini class, we will look more closely at why we do what we do when we gather. Why do we do it when we do it? Why don't we do more? Why do some churches do less?
- We will look at what might be too much, what might be wrong, and why.
- The nature of the class will provide a Biblical foundation that shapes how and why we gather.
- Fall Schedule:
 - Fall 2025: Call to Worship, Music, Giving, Scripture Reading
 - **January 4:** **Worship in Prayer**
 - February: Worship in the Word
 - March: Worship in the Ordained Commands of Christ: Ordinances
 - April-June: One Anothers, Witness, Homes, Missions Moments

WHY DO WE GATHER?

Hebrews 10:24-25 ~ “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵ not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”

- Ultimately, we worship the Lord in whatever we do (Romans 12:1-2) and worship him individually as well as corporately (John 4:23-24; 1 Cor 10:31).

Working Purpose Statement of our Worship Services: When we weekly gather together according to the Word of God, we aim to vertically worship and grow in spiritual wisdom and knowledge of God and horizontally encourage, equip and edify one another, by the power of the Spirit who sanctifies, to the praise of the glory of the risen Christ, and for the bold gospel witness as we scatter, until the Lord returns.

PRAYER

the Scriptures were read ([Colossians 4:16](#)),

Prayer and praise, with dependence upon the Holy Spirit's direction (Acts 2:42,47; Acts 13:1-4; 1 Timothy 2:1-8; Ephesians 6:18).

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DON'T FORGET QUESTIONS PEOPLE HAD

How much OT worship impact and inform us? Why style of music

Style, define, hand raising, motivation

Home-worship Family worship

House churches, simple churches, bild

[Corporate Worship and Why it Matters – Firm Foundation Bible Church](#)

[What are the ingredients to a truly biblical worship service? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[How We Plan for the Gospel to Shape Our Gathering - 9Marks](#)