

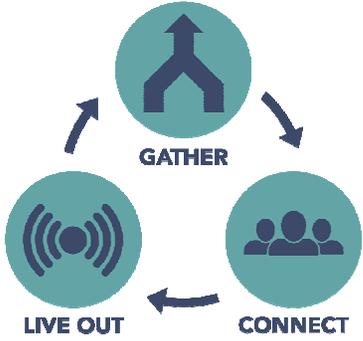
(sermon notes)



GATHER in WORSHIP

Our Strategy

...for being RIVERS
- not reservoirs



Our mission is helping people come together
to live out the love of Jesus.

Every Sunday, WE GATHER IN WORSHIP

... to _____!

*“For where two or three have gathered together in My name,
I am there in their midst.” (Matt. 18:20)*

It is our _____.

It should be our _____.

“O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord. Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods, in whose hand are the depths of the earth.

“The peaks of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for it was He who made it, and His hands formed the dry land.

“Come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.” (Ps. 95:1-7)

HEARING GOD'S WORD . . .

"Until I come, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching." (1 Tim. 4:13)

- which helps us to _____.
"...that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory may give to you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of Him." (Eph. 1:17)
- which _____.
"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ." (Rom. 10:17)
- which has the _____ to _____.
"So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it." (Isa. 55:11)
"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword..." (Heb. 4:12)
"...and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." (John 8:32)
- which shows us _____.
*"All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work."
(2 Tim. 3:16)*
"Gather the people together, men and women and little ones, and the stranger who is within your gates, that they may hear and that they may learn to fear the Lord your God and carefully observe all the words of this law, and that their children, who have not known it, may hear and learn to fear the Lord your God..." (Deut. 31:12-13a)
- which always _____ from us.
"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves." (James 1:22)
"Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock." (Matt. 7:24)

GIVING HIM OUR PRAISE . . .

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." (Ps. 34:3)

- by expressing our _____ to Him in _____.
"O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord, Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation." (Ps. 95:1)
*"O clap your hands, all peoples; shout to God with the voice of joy."
(Ps. 47:1)*
"Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.... For the Lord takes pleasure in His people...." (Ps. 149:1,4)
"So I will bless You as long as I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name." (Ps. 63:4, also 1 Tim. 2:8)
- by marveling together at _____ and _____
"Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Your name give glory, because of Your lovingkindness, because of Your truth." (Ps. 115:1)
- by _____ to His goodness and power
"One generation shall praise Your works to another and shall declare Your mighty acts." (Ps. 145:4)
"Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the adversary." (Ps. 107:2)
- by giving our _____ from grateful hearts.
"Honor the Lord from your wealth, And from the first of all your produce...." (Prov. 3:9-10)
"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse...." (Mal. 3:10)
- by _____ ourselves in _____.
"...but they first gave themselves to the Lord...." (2 Cor. 8:5a)
"I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship." (Rom. 12:1)
"...that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf." (2 Cor. 5:15)