

Sermon Notes

Benefits of Biblical Practices Sermon Series
“Benefits of Consistently Gathering Together
for Corporate Worship”
Various Texts
March 1, 2026

5. Read John 13:35; 17:20-23; Do you think of the ordinary life of the local church as inherently evangelistic? Why or why not? In what ways is gospel community attractive to non-Christians?

6. Read 1 John 4:10-12. What is the basis of our love for other Christians? Is this love optional? What words does John use to stress the importance of loving one another in the church? Sometimes it's difficult to love other Christians in the church – they can be awkward, abrasive, or even hurtful. What encouragement do these verses offer us?

7. What are some of the hidden struggles we experience in the Christian life? How does the presence of other believers in the church help us to fight our sin, reorient our perspective, and overcome our doubts?

8. In what ways have you been shaped by the people in your church? How would their impact have been lessened if you had never spent time with them in person?

Let's Pray:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 03-01-2026

Questions adapted from James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, p. 303-4; Collin Hansen & Jonathan Leeman with Megan Hill, Rediscover Church: Why the Body of Christ Is Essential Study Guide, Crossway, Wheaton, IL, 2021.

Getting Started:

1. How do you personally feel about going to church or involvement in Christian groups? What things have kept you from going to church at times in the past? It is common for people in Western cultures to assume that faith can flourish apart from other believers. Maybe you've made such an assumption yourself. What are some examples of this kind of thinking?

Digging Deeper:

2. Read Acts 2:41-47. What in these verses communicates being together? What does Luke mean when he says that new converts were "added"?
3. Read Nehemiah 8:3,7-8, 12; 1 Timothy 4:6-16. Why should we prioritize God's Word in our lives? Why do we need to hear it together as a church?
4. What kind of behavior should believers in Christ exhibit toward one another (Hebrews 10:24-25)? According to these verses, what benefits do we give and receive when we meet together? How could someone best spur you on "toward love and good deeds"? Why should Christ's return ("the Day drawing near") compel us to gather as a church?