

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

Date: 5/12/23

Sermon: Gathering

Text: Romans 12:1-8

Speaker: Ted Rastatter

Questions: Phil Demeter

## Sermon Overview

Sunday Ted spoke about what it will look like to saturate our community with the gospel. He brought up a simple, yet harder than it sounds question of “Why does it matter?” Why do we do the things that we do as followers and believers of Jesus Christ? Deuteronomy 6:21-24 shows us how Israel would look at the “why” of what they believed and did which all stemmed from their exile from Egypt, their salvation through God, the food that was given from heaven when hungry, and all the things God had done for them.

When reading through Romans 12:1-8 Pastor Ted was able to point to one the main ways we can saturate our community. We learned that it revolves around one important aspect of church and that is the gathering! Real worship requires a physical presence and active participation. Let’s look at how this can look for us and why it’s important.

## Questions

1) Why is it important that we have gatherings, not just Sundays but during the week as well? What is your driving force for wanting to go to church and/or a community group/Bible study?

2) What is the gospel? Why is it important to keep reminding each other of the gospel of Jesus Christ weekly/daily?

(We were slaves to sin, Satan, our own humanity. We were objects of God’s wrath, but through the birth, crucifixion, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, our sins were paid. That through our acceptance of the gift of salvation confessing with our mouth and in our hearts He is Lord we are saved!)

3) How is our physical presence at church and small group crucial to our growth in Jesus?

4) What are ways we can see ourselves or others being transformed by the world? How do we “test” our lives in 12:2?

(Protesting the world through weekly gatherings, submitting ourselves to God’s church)  
(Individualism and autonomy are key ways we see the world creeping into our lives)

5) Take time to encourage one another in the ways you see God’s gifting in the members of your group. How is your community group using its gifts? Is your group allowing its members to use their gifts? Why would it be important to encourage these gifts? (The world is watching and will see how we love one another. John 13:34)