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Ekklesia: assembly or gathering of **people**.

Kirche: a sacred **place** for religious purposes.

“Yes the church is a whore; but that whore is the bride of Christ, and she is your mother, and you have no right to abandon her.”

AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

CHRISTIANS GATHER

HEBREWS 10:24-25 (ESV)

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“If the church is central to God’s purpose as seen in both history and the gospel, it must surely also be central to our lives. How can we take lightly what God takes so seriously? How dare we push to the circumference what God has placed at the centre?”

JOHN STOTT

Are we Consumers or Communitarians?

“Come on the lookout for God, and leave on the
lookout for people.”

JOHN PIPER

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PSALM 122:1 (ESV)

¹ I was glad then they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

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“To be conformed to the image of his Son...requires the recalibration of our heart-habits and the recapturing of our imagination, which happen when God’s Word becomes the orienting center...”

JAMES K.A SMITH

“Is a Christ-centered imagination station where we regularly undergo a ritual cleansing of the symbolic universes we absorb elsewhere.

Christian worship doesn't just teach us how to think; it teaches us how to love, and it does so by inviting us into the biblical story and implanting that story in our bones."

OUR GATHERED WORSHIP

“And how does that happen? By being regularly immersed in the drama of God in Christ reconciling the world to himself, **which is precisely the point of Christian worship –**

to invite us into that story over and over again,
“character-zing” us as we rehearse the gospel drama
over and over.”

JAMES K.A SMITH

3. WE GATHER TO REFUEL FOR GOD'S MISSION

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“The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy & strength to the believer.”

BONHOEFFER

3. WE GATHER TO REFUEL FOR GOD'S MISSION

ROMANS 15:5-7 ESV

⁵ May the God of **endurance** and **encouragement** grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, ⁶ that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.

1. What are we doing?
2. What part will I play?

“Please don’t take Sunday for granted. Do whatever it takes to rediscover the wonder of it all. Next Sunday, during the service, look around and remind yourself: **These are my blood bought brothers and sisters in Christ. We are His Church, His people.**”

We are here today to proclaim His work in our lives.
We are here to give witness to the world of His great
love and power and glory.”

JOSHUA HARRIS

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