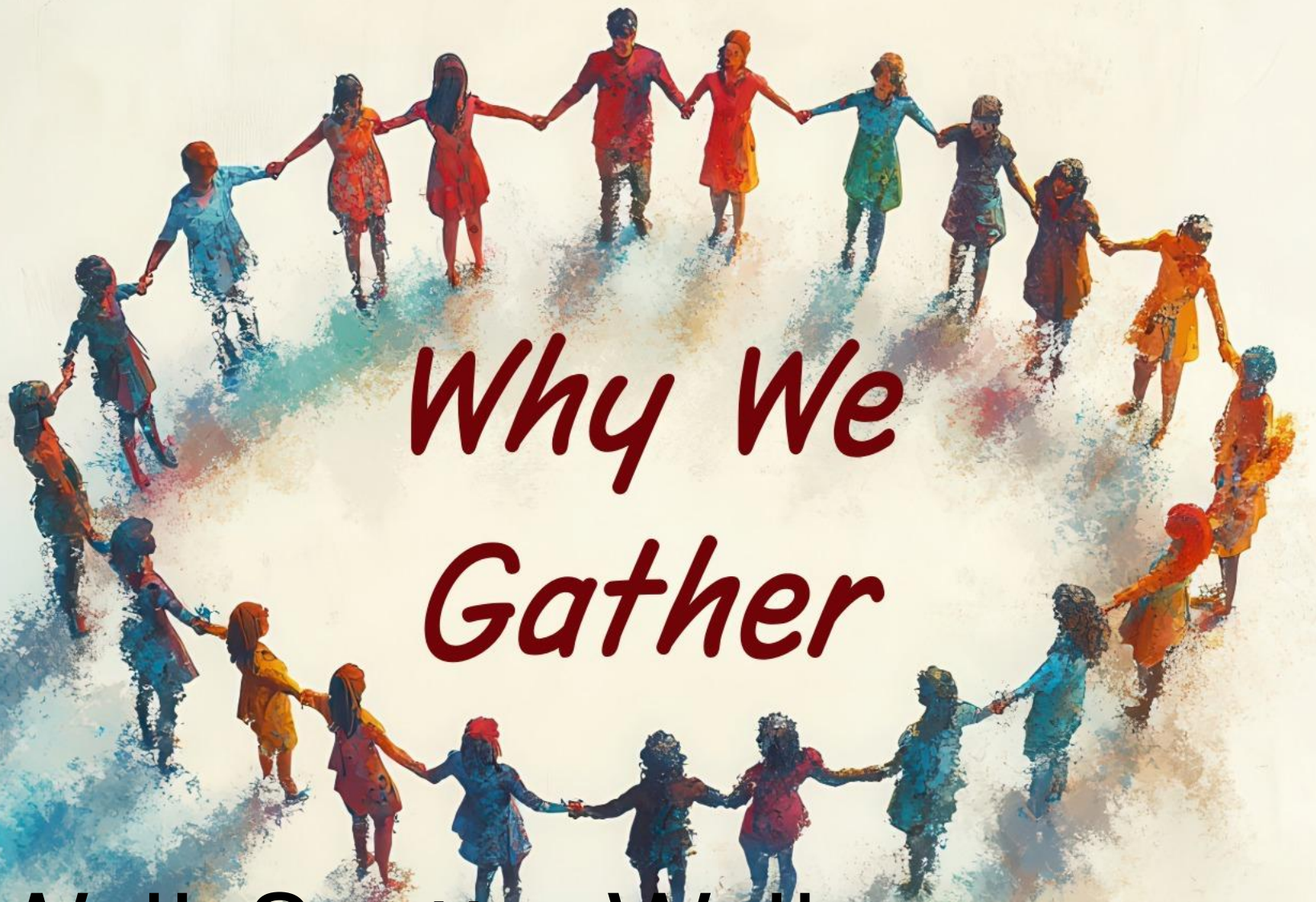


A group of approximately 20 diverse people of various ages and ethnicities are holding hands in a large circle. They are standing on a light-colored, textured surface that looks like sand or a light-colored floor. The people are wearing colorful clothing, including red, blue, orange, and green. The overall mood is joyful and communal.

Why We Gather

Gather Well, Scatter Well
Acts 2:42-47

Big Idea: one of the most effective witnesses to the beauty of the gospel is the beauty of a church's shared life together.



A local congregation “is the hermeneutic of the gospel.”

- Lesslie Newbigin



“We take the gospel wide into our community by taking the Gospel deep with our church family.”

- PGC 10 Year Vision Document



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“let us work for the good of all, **especially** for those who belong to the household of faith.”

- Galatians 6:10



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“the godless Galileans care not only for their own poor but for ours as well.”

- Roman Emperor Julian



4) Compelling Investment of Time Together (vs. 46)



5) Compelling Joyful Communion with God (vs. 42, 46-47)



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