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Talk About It...

Gathering

Acts 2:46 - *“Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.”*

1. When you think of “gathering” in a Christian context, what type of events come to mind?
2. Does the thought of Gathering in a Christian context bring on a feeling of excitement or more of a feeling of anxiety? Explain your answer.
3. Why do you think someone might say that gathering is necessary for spiritual growth and development?
4. What’s the greatest motivation that causes you to gather (if you do so regularly) or what’s the greatest hinderance to you being able to gather (if you don’t do so regularly)?
5. What next step can you take, right now, that will help maintain or increase your ability to gather with other Christ followers?

Reaching

Philemon 6 - *“I pray that your partnership with us in the faith may be effective in deepening your understanding of every good thing we share for the sake of Christ.”*

1. In Pathways, reaching is defined as sharing the hope of Christ's love through evangelism and outreach. Why would you say that evangelism and / or outreach is important?
2. In what ways have you either been a part of or witnessed reaching?
3. What do you think holds people back from reaching more often (or at all)?
4. What would it look like (or what would it take) for you to be more evangelistic or outreaching in your everyday life?
5. What next step can you take, right now, that will result in an increase of your reaching efforts?

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“Gathering and Reaching”

Pathways review:

Pathways is a discipleship initiative that will help Christ followers do three things:

1. Assess where we are spiritually
2. Guide us in practicing spiritual disciplines that will help me to grow
3. Help us measure our progress

We believe “If we walk the Pathways, we’ll become the virtues.”

What does the Bible say about Gathering?

“Then the Lord God said, ‘It is not good for man to be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.’”
Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

“And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”
Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

Gathering in Pathways

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Acts 2:46 (NIV)

Two areas we should think about Gathering

1. Gather at Coastal.

We want you to utilize our online campus out of necessity, and not out of convenience.

2. Gather at LIFEgroup.

What does the Bible say about Reaching?

“For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.” Luke 19:10 (NIV)

Jesus didn’t come to seek us and “hang out with us” in our sin...He came to rescue us from our sin!

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.”
Matthew 28:19-20 (ESV)

“How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?”
Romans 10:13-15 (ESV)

“...If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples.” John 8:31 (ESV)

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What does Reaching look like?

1. Know the Gospel Story
2. Be familiar with the Roman's Road
3. Prepare YOUR story
4. Get involved in evangelism and outreach

The Gathering / Reaching challenge:

- Commit to a more intentional approach to attend church every Sunday
- Commit to gathering in person on Sundays
- Commit to joining a LIFEgroup.
- Commit to leading / starting a new LIFEgroup.
- Commit to learning the Gospel Story (use RNM as a resource)
- Commit to preparing YOUR story
- Join the Evangelism / Outreach Team