

BIBLE CHALLENGE- Together

What does Jesus' blood allow us to do?

How should we enter into 'the holy place?'

How should we come to him [Jesus?]

What should we hold on to?

What else should we consider?

What should we NOT do?

What should we do for each other?

Why do you think it is important for Jesus' followers to meet together? What do you think might happen if you stopped meeting with other believers?

Hebrews 10.19-25
(God's Word Translation)

Brothers and sisters, because of the blood of Jesus we can now confidently go into the holy place. Jesus has opened a new and living way for us to go through the curtain. (The curtain is his own body.) We have a superior priest in charge of God's house. We have been sprinkled with his blood to free us from a guilty conscience, and our bodies have been washed with clean water. So we must continue to come to him with a sincere heart and strong faith. We must continue to hold firmly to our declaration of faith. The one who made the promise is faithful. We must also consider how to encourage each other to show love and to do good things. We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming.

Breaking Through Together

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Micah 2.12-13 *underline every word or phrase that is 'plural' – more than one* I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob; I will gather the remnant of Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men. He who opens the breach goes up before them; they break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king passes on before them, the LORD at their head.

Ephesians 1.15-23 *In this passage 'you' means 'you all.'* To help understand this, fill in the blanks with the phrase 'all together'

For this reason, because I have heard of your faith [_____] in the Lord Jesus and your love [_____] toward all the saints, I do not cease to give thanks for you [_____], remembering you [_____] in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you [_____] the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you [_____], may know what is the hope to which he has called you [_____], what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward [all of us together] who believe, according to the working of his great might that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Ekklesia – [a Greek word] “the local administration (*running*) of God’s Kingdom, when citizens of the Kingdom are *called out* of their homes *to gather* for worshipping God and exercising their corporate authority over their areas of influence, advancing God’s loving rulership into the world around them.”

How many things can YOU count that the church does TOGETHER in our assembly?
What would YOU add to Pastor Rod’s list?

Draw us *together* as the church...



What is your favourite part of our gathering together? Why is it important?


What could happen if we disconnect from meeting together?

- The ultimate biblical breakthrough is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!
- The church as the *ekklesia* is God’s agent for breakthrough in the world
- Sunday gatherings are our primary gathering as the *ekklesia*, in which we worship God and exercise our corporate authority


! Everything we do during our Sunday gatherings involves our reality as the *ekklesia*

 **Assembling at the appointed time**

- God has appointed times, don’t miss your appointment!

 **Reading together the opening Scripture or prayer**


- Establishes our assembly in line with God’s will and God’s word.

 **Worshipping the Lord in song**

- Announces the rulership of God and proclaims Jesus is Lord.
- Our worship is an act of spiritual warfare in the heavenly realms.

 **Welcoming one another**


- Acknowledges our mutual citizenship in the Kingdom of heaven
- Welcomes guests into a safe and hospitable environment

 **Sharing the Notices**

- Invites people into our corporate, kingdom activities

 **A moment with the children**


- Receives and affirms children as Jesus did

 **Praying corporately**

- We exercise our corporate authority, influence the world through the spiritual realms, establish God’s kingdom, pray as Jesus taught us, partner with God in extending His loving rulership in the world.

 **Reading the Bible**

- The Bible is our ‘written constitution.’ It is the basis on which we rightly do everything as the *ekklesia*. The Bible tells us to read it out loud and together!

 **Receiving the sermon or message**


- The sermon is the Bible-based prophetic word of God equipping us to live for Jesus in a world that is not our own and sometimes hostile.

 **Sharing the Lord’s Supper**

- Recognizing the ‘body’ of which Paul speaks is the *ekklesia*
- We, together, are Christ’s body.

 **Worshipping the Lord in song *again***


- Allows us to respond to the spoken word individually and corporately. We align ourselves with one another and with God.

 **Blessing the people gathered**

- Seals in prayer what has happened in our gathering.
- Blesses the people to go forth into the world
- Blessing has real spiritual power!

 **Praying for and ministering to people**

- An opportunity to use our spiritual gifts together, to benefit one another

 **Sharing fellowship with food**

- A time to connect with others and to celebrate those who are with us together in Christ.