

THE CHURCH

"Why We Gather" Sermon Questions

1. Read Ephesians 4:11-16. According to this passage, why do you, as an individual believer, need other believers in your life? What would be lacking without a community of other believers?
2. Based on James 5:14-20. Describe the nature of the community that God desires for each of us and for the church as a whole. Do you have relationships with other believers that include the actions James describes in this passage? If not, why not?
3. How does "community" in the church (when it is as it should be) differ from "community" in the world in general? In other words, what makes the fellowship of believers different than typical secular group gatherings?
4. Do you feel like you are living in genuine, deep community with other believers? Why or why not? What could you do this month to grow in fellowship with other believers?
5. Read Acts 2:41-47. What did the early church do when they met together? Why are each of these activities important for us to continue today?
6. Read Acts 1:1-8; 2:14, 41-47. How the local church can bear witness to the reality of the Kingdom of God to a dying, lost and sinful world?