

GATHERING IS GOOD

CONNECT

What is one group, division, team, etc., that have you seen work effectively together? What were the characteristics of the group that made them effective?

LEARN

Before watching the video and discussing the questions provided, we encourage taking a few moments to pray. This is an opportunity to ask God into your conversations. Here's a simple prayer you can use to begin your time:

Heavenly Father, thank you for bringing this group together. Help us see what you would have us see through our time together. Amen

WATCH VIDEO

READ HEBREWS 10:23-25

This passage tells us we should think about how to “motivate” one another to love and do good deeds. Other translations use “spur,” “encourage,” or “stimulate.” Who is a person you know who encourages others to “love and good works”? How does that person motivate others?

What are some challenges that might keep us from meeting together in small groups or even in Sunday services? What are some ways we can encourage one another to overcome those challenges?

READ MATTHEW 18:19-20

What are your experiences of praying with others? Childhood? Present? Positive? Negative? Are you inclined towards praying together? Why is it

sometimes hard to pray with others?

Think about Chris's illustration of clapping with others and praying with others. What does this scripture and the illustration tell us about how God moves when we pray together?

READ ROMANS 12:4-5

In what ways are parts of our physical body dependent on one another? Think about specific parts like the heart and the lungs or even the foot and the eye. How does the co-dependence of the parts of the body relate to believers in the church or in a small group?

What are the consequences to the church and to individuals if we do not connect ourselves to other believers?

APPLY

How did God speak to you this week through the scripture, the video or sermon, or your discussion?

In the video, Chris shared the belief that if we are intentional about connecting with one another during this initiative, we will all grow in our faith. What is an intentional step you will take to connect with others in your group or beyond your group?

PRAY

Pray for your group and our church that we will gather together to carry out the mission of inspiring and equipping people to know and follow Jesus.

Share prayer requests, and spend time in intercession for one another.