

Life Group Leader Notes

November 2023

Why We Gather

Read Matthew 16:13-20.

Christ means the anointed one.

Jesus means Savior.

The Savior, Jesus, is the anointed one - and the anointing abides in us.

- Pray the anointing be released in us.
- Pray that, we as the body rely on the Holy Spirit daily and especially to function in the church.
- Pray that all of the body is functioning by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We are going to stand before Him and give an account.

Discussion: How do you function in the church?

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1. To worship the King.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name. *Psalms 100: 4*

We must take our eyes off ourselves and our problems and put our eyes on Him. We must remember where we came from and be grateful for His grace. We must make up our minds and take control of our wills and say “I will enter His gates with thanksgiving and its courts with praises”. Praise Him for who He is and what He has done in our lives.

The Bible says “God inhabits the praises of His people”.

Yet you are enthroned as the Holy One; you are the one Israel praises. *Psalms 22: 3*

When that happens, the atmosphere changes. We have a true revelation of Him, which results in true worship. It’s a response! When this happens, glory fills the house.

Discussion: What are you thankful for? What can you praise Him for specifically right now?

2. We gather to present The Gospel.

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? *Romans 10: 14*

Jesus died for sin and rose again for our justification. The gathering is the gospel in motion. We are reminded of who we are in Christ. When you look at a Christian you see the Gospel.

Discussion: How does gathering as the body effect you? Give an example when you heard the Word preached and you were changed.