

BEYOND SUNDAY

9.29.24

G: Gather (with Church) — Mark Tumney — Hebrews 10:24-25

Review: Jesus offers us the most compelling invitation for all time to “follow Him.” Did you take time this past week to gather with God in prayer and bible reading? (No shame if you didn’t!). If you did, how was your experience?

- 1. Understanding “Church”:** The sermon mentioned that the church is not just a building but a community called together by God. How does this perspective change your view of what it means to be part of the church?
- 2. Loving the Church Despite Its Flaws:** It’s easy to love Jesus but sometimes harder to love the church because of its imperfections. Have you ever struggled with this? How have you worked through these feelings?
- 3. Connecting as a Family:** The church is described as God’s family, where God is our Father and we are brothers and sisters in Christ. How has being part of a church family impacted your spiritual life? What does being “family” mean to you in the context of the church?
- 4. Your Unique Role in the Church:** Read Romans 12:4-6. The sermon emphasized that every member has a unique role to play, like parts of a body. What gifts or abilities do you feel God has given you, and how could you use them to support the church community?

- 5. Facing Church Challenges:** Conflict and judgmental attitudes are common struggles in many churches. How have you experienced or witnessed these issues, and what do you think are some healthy ways to address them?

- 6. Horizontal vs. Vertical Vision:** The sermon talked about seeing the church through "horizontal" (flawed) and "vertical" (God's) perspectives. How can we shift our focus to see the church as God does, and what difference would that make?

- 7. Embracing Diversity in the Church:** The church is described as "catholic," meaning a diverse and interconnected worldwide community. How does our local church reflect this diversity? How can we become more inclusive and welcoming?

- 8. Being "Sent" by Jesus:** Read John 21:20-21. The term "apostolic" means being sent out into the world. What are some practical ways you can live out this calling in your everyday life?

- 9. Finding Joy in Church Involvement:** The sermon acknowledged that being part of the church can be challenging but also deeply rewarding. What are some joyful or meaningful experiences you've had through church involvement? How can you create more of these moments?

- 10. Commitment to Gathering:** The sermon challenged us to make a commitment to gather weekly for worship. What are some obstacles that make this difficult for you, and how can we support each other in overcoming them?