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Week 4: A New Posture

Corporate worship is fundamental to the Christian faith. While many Eastern religions emphasize the individual, Christianity has always emphasized the group. The word, “church” in the New Testament is translated from the Greek word, “ekklesia” which means “a called out assembly or gathering.” Following Jesus was never intended to be an individual journey. The gathering is crucial to our growth and group identity.

Discussion Questions:

1. Before diving in, have everyone in the group share how their time of solitude went last week. What did you read from Scripture? Do you feel like it made a difference in your day?
2. What’s the best live sporting event or concert you’ve been to? What made it so great?
3. Church isn’t a ball game or a concert, but there should be some joy and excitement in coming together. Psalm 122:1 says, *“I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let’s go to the house of the Lord.”* Do you look forward to Sunday mornings? Why or why not?
4. Read Hebrews 10:23-25. What does this text say about the importance of meeting together? What’s at risk when we give up this habit? Has there been a time in your faith journey where you stopped going to church regularly? Why? What brought you back?
5. Corporate worship gives us group identity...people with whom we share a common bond. Why is this important to our faith? How have you benefited from this?
6. Read Psalm 33:1-3 and Psalm 95:1-6. Music and singing are obviously an important part of worship. Why do you think that is? Do you engage in singing in worship? Why or why not?
7. Give an example of how a corporate worship service restored your confidence in God? What’s one thing you can do to make Sunday mornings more meaningful for yourself and others (ex. Get a good night’s sleep; arrive 10 minutes early, pray for the service, etc.)