

09. WHY ONLINE CHRISTIANITY ISN'T ENOUGH

Why Christians Need Gathered Church Life



<p>BIG IDEA</p> <p>Online teaching and digital resources can encourage believers, but Christianity was designed to be lived through real relationships, gathered worship, accountability, service, and shared life within the church.</p>	<p>KEY SCRIPTURE</p> <p>Hebrews 10:24–25</p> <p>Additional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Acts 2:42–47 1 Corinthians 12:12–27 Ephesians 4:15–16 Romans 12:4–5 	<p>MEMORY VERSE</p> <p>Hebrews 10:25</p> <p><i>“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...”</i></p>	<p>MAIN QUESTION</p> <p>Why Does Christianity Require Real Community?</p>	<p>ESTIMATED TIME</p> <p>45 MINUTES</p>
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SESSION SNAPSHOT

OPENING ACTIVITY 10 min

TEACHING 15 min

DISCUSSION 15 min

CHALLENGE & CONNECTION 5 min

PRAYER 5 min

SESSION GOALS

By the end of this session, students should understand:

- Digital resources can be helpful tools.
- Christianity was designed for gathered life.
- Believers need accountability and encouragement.
- Worship involves participation, not passive consumption.
- Real relationships matter for spiritual growth.
- The church is a living body, not merely content.

OPENING ACTIVITY
“ONLINE VS REAL LIFE”

SUPPLIES:

- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers

1 STEP 1:
Ask students: “What are things that are helpful online?”
Allow answers:

- learning • communication • videos • games
- entertainment • church livestreams • Bible teaching

Write answers down.

2 STEP 2:
Then ask: “What are things that become difficult or incomplete if they only exist online?”
Possible discussion:

- friendships • family • teamwork • sports
- meals • worship • encouragement • accountability

TRANSITION:
Say: “Technology can help people connect, but God designed Christianity to be lived through real relationships and gathered church life.”

LEADER TIP

Avoid sounding:

- anti-technology
- anti-media
- dismissive of online ministry

Focus instead on what embodied Christian life uniquely provides.

YOUR ROLE

- ✓ Encourage thoughtful conversation
- ✓ Keep the tone balanced and gracious
- ✓ Help students think critically about technology
- ✓ Emphasize relationship and participation
- ✓ Point students toward biblical community

WHAT YOU’LL NEED

- Bible
- Leader Sheet
- Whiteboard or paper
- Markers