



Why Christians Need Gathered Church Life

CORE TEACHING

1 ONLINE RESOURCES CAN HELP BELIEVERS Acts 2:42
Teaching resources, videos, podcasts, and online sermons can encourage Christians and help people learn.
Technology itself is not the problem.

➤ Emphasize: Digital tools can support spiritual growth.

2 CHRISTIANITY WAS DESIGNED FOR GATHERED LIFE Hebrews 10:24-25
God designed believers to:

- worship together
- pray together
- serve together
- encourage one another
- and live in real community.

Christianity is not meant to be:

isolated consumption.

➤ Emphasize: The church is a gathered people, not just online content.

3 BELIEVERS NEED REAL RELATIONSHIPS Romans 12:4-5
Spiritual growth happens through:

- accountability
- encouragement
- correction
- friendship
- prayer
- shared life

Those things require:

real relationships.

➤ Emphasize: Online content cannot fully replace embodied fellowship.

4 THE CHURCH IS A LIVING BODY 1 Corinthians 12:12-27
The Bible describes the church as: **a body.**
Bodies are:

- connected
- interactive
- relational
- active

Church life includes:

- participation
- service
- relationships
- worship
- care for others

➤ Emphasize: Christians are called to participate, not merely watch.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Guide your group to think deeper.

- What are some ways online resources can help Christians?
Follow-up: What kinds of things can technology do well?
- What are some things online Christianity cannot fully replace?
Follow-up: Why do real relationships matter?
- Why is it easier sometimes to consume content than participate in church life?
Follow-up: What makes participation uncomfortable sometimes?
- How do accountability and encouragement help Christians grow?
Follow-up: Why are those difficult alone?
- What does healthy church participation look like for teenagers?
Follow-up: What is one practical way you could engage more intentionally?

DISCUSSION TIP: Some students may:

- rely heavily on online community
- feel socially anxious
- or have difficult church experiences

Be gracious and balanced.
Focus on: the beauty and necessity of embodied Christian life.

REAL LIFE CONNECTION

Modern culture increasingly treats:

- faith
- friendship
- entertainment
- identity

as individualized digital experiences.
But Christianity is fundamentally:

relational and embodied.

Jesus gathers a people, not merely an audience.

WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Challenge students to intentionally:

- participate in church conversations
- encourage another believer
- pray with someone
- serve within gathered church life this week

Ask: "How can I move from consuming to participating?"

PRAYER FOCUS

Thank the Father for giving believers the church.
Ask the Spirit to help students grow in courage, connection, service, worship, and meaningful relationships within

LEADER NOTES

- ✓ Avoid demonizing technology.
- ✓ Emphasize participation over consumption.
- ✓ Encourage relational church life gently.
- ✓ Recognize that some students struggle socially.
- ✓ Keep pointing students toward Christ's design for His people.

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