



WHY CHURCH GATHERING

Pastor Lance Olimb March 30, 2014 :: Colossians 3:12-17

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” (Colossians 3:16, ESV)

THE LOCAL CHURCH: GATHERED

Pastor Lance described the priority of gathering as the church. We saw together that the history of God’s redemptive work is reflected in a ‘people.’ The basic reason for gathering rests in the unique application of the gospel it provides. We highlight the gospel in gathering by picturing and proclaiming the work of Jesus on our behalf. Reflect for a few moments on the following points from the sermon and discuss how you processed them.

- Gathering is a picture of WHO we are.
- Gathering is a picture of HOW we are.
- Gathering proclaims the gospel in sermons.
- Gathering proclaims the gospel in songs.
- Gathering proclaims the gospel in sacraments.

APPLICATION

- a. Tell the group aspects of gathering you think Four Oaks is particularly faithful to follow. How has the persistent gathering for worship helped you become more like Christ?
- b. Convinced of the priority of gathering, how will we build an ethic or custom of corporate worship for our families? What challenges do we find in making this a priority?
- c. What changes in perspective or practice could bolster the benefit of your gathering with the church? Do you anticipate it properly? Prepare your heart adequately? Engage when present? Mention a few practices that help you in this regard.