

**A Theology of Christian Assembly**  
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**Why do Christians assemble and meet together?**

**1. To worship and glorify God.** The believer to God purpose.

1. Praying to God.
2. Singing praises to God.
3. Partaking of the Lord's Supper.
4. Proclaiming the word of God.
5. Giving back to God.

**2. To be edified by God.** The God to believer purpose.

**Edify:** the continual process of building, to build.

**1 Peter 2:5,** *"You, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood."*

**Matthew 16:18,** *"I say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church."*

**Acts 20:32,** *"I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified."*

**3. To edify and fellowship with one another.** The believer to believer purpose.

**Hebrews 10:24-25,** *"Let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another."*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11**, *“Encourage one another and build up one another.”*

**1 Corinthians 14:26**, *“When you assemble...let all things be done for edification.”*

**Ephesians 4:11-16**, *“ Christ gave some...as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; <sup>13</sup> until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ. <sup>14</sup> As a result, we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming; <sup>15</sup> but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.”*

**4. To edify non-believers.** The believer to non-believer aspect.

**1 Corinthians 14:23**, *“If the whole church assembles together and all speak in tongues and...unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are mad?”*

**Romans 15:2**, *“Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.”*

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