

Do I have to go again this week?

I was born in a hospital but I was raised in the church – literally. By the time I reached 7th grade I logged more time in the church building than many of you ever will. So I began to ask, do I have to go? Can't I stay home this week? I've been a pastor long enough to know, we've all wondered about gathering every Sunday. Is it any wonder we start to ask, do we have to go? Can't we stay home this week?

What would God's answer be?

Hebrews 10:19-25 NLT

And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place. And since we have a great High Priest who rules over God's house, let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ's blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water. Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise. Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

A good reason to go this week

THERE IS A GOOD REASON FOR GATHERING WITH OTHER FOLLOWERS OF JESUS.

1. We can motivate each other “to acts of love and good works.”
2. We can encourage each other.
3. We can work together to persevere until the day we all see Jesus face to face. There's a very good reason for meeting with other Christians each week.

Sermon in a sentence:

“We are strong when we are together. We are weak when we are apart.” – Pastor Larry Wilson

What will you do?

Our culture is very individualistic. We like the lone hero standing strong against massive forces of evil. The Lone Ranger, Rambo, Chuck Norris, and Daredevil all face their enemies alone. Unfortunately, many of us take this individualism into the life of following Jesus. That makes us easy targets. We must sacrifice our individualism for teamwork because we are stronger together. Even superheroes need to team up. Isn't that why they formed the League of Justice and the Avengers?