

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

...LET'S TALK

WHY WE GATHER?

WE WERE MADE TO
WORSHIP GOD.

It is our greatest
RESPONSIBILITY and
PRIVILEGE as human
beings and Christians.



God has called us not just to worship individually, but **to gather together with other believers.** This gathering happens on the Lord's Day, a day set apart by the apostles to remember Jesus's resurrection victory.

THE LORD'S DAY IS A GIFT FROM GOD,
DESIGNED TO STRENGTHEN US AND SHOW US
HIS UNDESERVED KINDNESS



WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE GATHER?



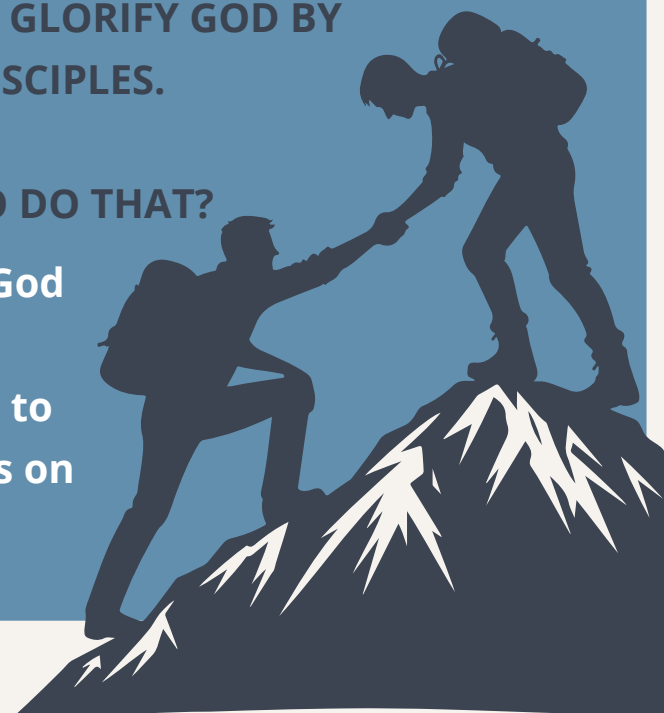
WHEN WE GATHER AS A CHURCH WE...

MAKE DISCIPLES

OUR MISSION AS A CHURCH IS TO GLORIFY GOD BY MAKING DISCIPLES WHO MAKE DISCIPLES.

BUT HOW DOES GOD WANT US TO DO THAT?

One of the principal means that God has given to help us grow in our Christian life as his followers and to help others grow is what happens on a Sunday morning.



COMMUNE WITH GOD

SUNDAY'S ARE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO COMMUNE WITH GOD, TO SPEAK TO HIM, TO HEAR HIM SPEAK TO US.



PRAY TOGETHER

SUNDAYS ARE OUR MAIN OPPORTUNITY TO PRAY TOGETHER AS A CHURCH. AND IT'S AN OPPORTUNITY FOR US TO ENJOY LIFE AS A FAMILY

**BUT SUNDAY MORNINGS JUST DON'T GIVE US
ENOUGH TIME TO DO IT ALL!**



SO, WHY ADD EVENING SERVICES?

SUNDAYS ARE A “**MARKET DAY FOR THE SOUL**”

Sundays are an opportunity for us to reset, to recharge, to reorient our lives according to what we know to be true, the gospel and God and who he is and what he's done for us through Jesus.

SO WE WANT TO **MAXIMIZE THIS OPPORTUNITY** THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US **TO ENJOY HIS GRACE** BY ADDING A SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE TO OUR WEEKLY RHYTHM AS A CHURCH.



IT WON'T BE A REPEAT OF SUNDAY MORNINGS



IT CAN'T REPLACE OR BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS



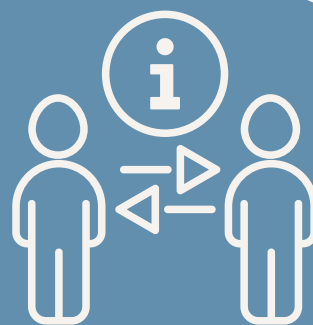
IT WILL BE LESS FORMAL



IT WILL FEEL MORE LIKE A FAMILY GATHERING

WHAT SHOULD YOU EXPECT?

WE WANT TO **HEAR FROM YOU**
WHAT THE LORD'S DOING IN
OUR LIFE



WE WANT TO **GIVE YOU SPACE**
TO JUST BE FRIENDS WITH ONE
ANOTHER

WE WANT TO TAKE SOME TIME TO
COMMUNICATE ABOUT OUR
MISSION AND VISION AS A CHURCH



WE WANT TO SPEND A LOT MORE
TIME IN **CORPORATE PRAYER**

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE **SHORTER TEACHING**
TIMES, BUT FROM **DIFFERENT INDIVIDUALS**
AND WE THINK THE CHURCH IS GOING TO BE
STRENGTHENED AS WE HAVE **MORE OF YOU**
MEN SPEAK GOD'S WORD TO US



BUT IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE **CHANGE**



IF THIS SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE IS REALLY GOING TO BE WHAT WE HOPE IT WILL BE, IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE FOR YOU TO **MAKE SOME CHANGES** TO YOUR LIFE. AND **CHANGE IS HARD.**

WE UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR LIFE IS BUSY AND WE'RE NOT ASKING YOU TO BE PART OF THIS JUST FOR THE SAKE OF MAKING YOUR LIFE BUSIER.

IT'S ACTUALLY THE OPPOSITE! ***WE WANT SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES TO BECOME SOMETHING THAT ENABLES YOU TO BE STRONGER SO THAT YOU CAN HANDLE THE BUSYNESS OF LIFE EVEN MORE EFFECTIVELY!***



It's a means to receive grace from God

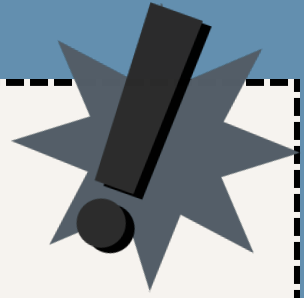
It's an opportunity for us to depend on God and express our faith.



It's a way of developing deeper friendships

OUR PRAYER FOR THE EVENING SERVICES IS THAT AS YOU ADD THIS TO YOUR LIFE AND TO YOUR SCHEDULE, THAT YOU'RE GOING TO RECEIVE SO MUCH BENEFIT FROM IT THAT EVENTUALLY YOU CAN'T IMAGINE YOUR LIFE WITHOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY WEEK AFTER WEEK ON A SUNDAY EVENING.

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A SPIRITUAL GIFT!



GOD IS AT WORK IN YOUR LIFE IF YOU'RE A BELIEVER. AND HE HAS GIVEN YOU SOMETHING THAT WE NEED, THAT OTHER PEOPLE NEED, THAT YOUR CHURCH NEEDS!

BY OURSELVES WE DON'T HAVE MUCH TO OFFER. BUT WE, IF WE'RE CHRISTIANS, ARE NOT BY OURSELVES. **GOD HAS PERFORMED A WORK IN OUR LIVES.**

AND GOD SAYS THAT HE HAS GIVEN US A GIFT: **A MANIFESTATION OF GRACE THAT HE INTENDED FOR US TO SHARE WITH OTHER PEOPLE.**

AND WE'RE HOPING THAT SUNDAY EVENINGS WILL BE A UNIQUE CHANCE THAT YOU HAVE TO DO THAT.



WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

AS YOU LOOK AHEAD, BEGIN PRAYING NOW ABOUT SETTING ASIDE SOME TIME AND PLANNING ON BEING PART.

AND BE PRAYING THAT GOD WOULD REVIVE US THROUGH THIS GIFT OF MERCY THAT HE'S GIVEN US TO BE PART OF A LOCAL CHURCH.

PRAY:

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE, IT'S OUR JOY TO TALK WITH YOU ABOUT WHAT IT'S GOING TO BE LIKE AND HOW IT'S GOING TO WORK AND YOU CAN REACH PASTOR JOSH AT JOSHANDMARDA@GMAIL.COM