

The Church Has Left The Building

6. Missional Gatherings part one

Key Point: The Gathered Church plays an important role in us being on mission with God

Connect Group Questions

This series is designed to get us thinking about what it means to be “on mission” with God.

With all the talk of the church “leaving the building” to join God on His mission to seek and to save the lost, it’s important to remind ourselves of the importance of gathering for corporate worship. But what should characterise our gatherings? What should they achieve? And how can they make a positive contribution to the mission of God?

1. Begin by recalling what you remember from the sermon? Key words, ideas, thoughts, pictures etc.
2. What did you find most challenging, helpful or troubling?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 14:26-33a. Can you remember the 3 principles that Myles said should characterise our gatherings – (fill in the gaps) – “B--- B-----”, “C----- C-----”, “S----- S-----”.
4. What words does Paul use to describe what our coming together should achieve?
5. What other words in Chapter 14 can you find that also describe what our gatherings should achieve?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 14:22-25. Which kind of person does Paul have in mind here?
7. What is the effect of these gatherings on an unbeliever/seeker?
8. Try to describe in your own words what it’s like to have a sense of the presence of God in a meeting.
9. In what ways can we better prepare ourselves for corporate worship?
10. Can anyone remember the story from Graham Kendrick about the disabled man who was able to worship in his buggy? What does this story tell us about that man’s attitude to worship? How does it challenge you?
11. Below is a reminder of the vision for corporate worship at RP. Use it to inspire prayer for our gatherings together as a church.

Our vision is to see the Gathered Church:

Proclaiming The Magnificence and Greatness of God

Participating Together In Worship

Promoting Courageous Living