

# NOTES

## WHY GATHERING MATTERS

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HEBREWS 10:24, 25

### Introduction

1. Christianity is a \_\_\_\_\_

2. Not Getting Together is a \_\_\_\_\_

3. The Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

4. The \_\_\_\_\_ Opposes Us

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & GROUPS

1. Describe a big event that you attended at which the crowd added to the excitement. How was being there in person better than watching a video of it?
2. Read Hebrews 10:24, 25. From what you've learned about the historical context of Hebrews (from the sermon), why did the writer emphasize the importance of gathering for the recipients of this epistle?
3. What is meant by the statement: Christianity is a physical faith? Why is that an argument for the importance of in-person church gatherings?
4. In what ways does gathering on weekends at Christ Community spur you on toward love and good deeds (i.e. how does it motivate you to serve others)?
5. Reread Hebrews 10:25. What bad habit is described in this verse? Why is it bad? Why are bad habits so easy to develop--and good habits so difficult to develop?
6. What excuses have you used to skip church (or to watch it online when you could be there in person)? How would you counter your own excuses? The expression "giving up" in Hebrews 10:25 is sometimes translated as "forsaking" in the Bible and is used to describe walking away from (i.e. abandoning) God. How does this relate to neglecting church?
7. Reread Hebrews 10:25. How would you define encouraging? What aspects of a weekend gathering at CCC are designed to encourage you? Explain how they do that.
8. Reread Hebrews 10:25. What is the Day that the writer of Hebrews refers to? What will be happening in the world before that Day? Read John 15:18, 19. How do you feel about what Jesus describes in these verses?
9. What are some ways in which you experience the world's opposition as a Christ follower? How would regular gatherings with other believers prepare you to face this?
10. What's your best takeaway from this study and how will you apply it to your life?