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## “Essential Christianity: The 5G Life: Gather Time”

Luke 4:16

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:24-25

### Introduction

#### A. Three Key Relationships

1. Abide
2. Connect
3. Share

#### B. The 5G Life

C. GOD TIME is time spent daily alone in fellowship with God.

D. GATHER TIME is time spent weekly gathering in worship with my church.

E. “The Christian life is nothing less than the life which He lived then lived now by Him in you.” (Major Ian Thomas)

F. Luke 4:16

G. Acts 20:7

H. “On the day called Sunday there is a meeting in one place of those who live in cities or the country, and the memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read as long as time permits. When the reader has finished, the one presiding in a discourse urges and invites us to the imitation of these noble things. Then we all stand up together and offer prayers.” (Justin Martyr)

### I. Why Do We Gather?

A. We gather because God is worthy of our worship. (Psalm 95:1-7)

1. Be joyful.
2. Be active. Worship is not a spectator sport.

B. We gather because worship is not just about us. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

1. We have a responsibility for the spiritual well-being of others in God’s family.
2. You cannot get here late and slip out early and practice this. If you do, you’re saying it’s all about me.

### II. What Do We Do When We Gather?

A. We experience God’s presence.

1. “The presence of God and the manifestation of the presence of God are not the same. There can be one without the other.” (A.W. Tozer)
2. “More can happen in five minutes of God’s manifest presence than in fifty years of our best human efforts.” (Bill Elliff)

**B. We worship with God's people.**

- 1. In worship we hear God together through his Word. (1 Timothy 4:13)**
- 2. In worship we talk with God together through prayer.**

**"The life, power, and glory of the church is in prayer...the life of its members is dependent on prayer and the presence of God is secured and retained by prayer...without it, the church is lifeless and powerless." (E.M. Bounds)**

**C. In worship we respond to God together as he moves in our lives.**

**Conclusion**

- A. Gather Time is prime time!**
- B. The Gospel Definition**