

ROAD RULE # 7

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*The Journey will be _____
if we do it _____.*

Questions.

- Why does it matter if we get together?
- Can't you hear from God if you're all alone?
- Why can't I stay home and watch church in my pajamas?
- Why do I need to worry about my relationship with others . . . if I have a good relationship with God?

Answers.

- Yes . . . you can absolutely hear from God when you're all alone, but God will often use the experience of _____ to teach you a lesson.
- Yes . . . you can absolutely stay home and watch church in your pajamas, but you can't fulfill the _____ of scripture from a distance.
- You can't have a good relationship with _____ without being in relationship with _____.

Genesis 2

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said,
“It’s not good for man to be ALONE.”

Truth: *The Church is the _____
to the _____ of man being alone.*

Opposition: *Church is a man-made
institution, and I don’t need _____ to
have a personal relationship with _____.*

Truth: _____ was the founder of the Church
and he invited _____ and _____ to join him.

Matthew 16

¹⁸ Jesus said, “And I tell you, you are Peter,
and on this rock I will build *MY CHURCH*,
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

*The Greek word for church is “ekklēsia”
which means - “a GATHERING or ASSEMBLY.”*

Matthew 18

²⁰ Jesus said, “For where two or three
GATHER in my name, there am I with them.”

*MANUP is a weekly _____
to connect with God and other men.*

5 Reasons we Gather.

1. We gather to _____.

Hebrews 10

²⁴ Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. ²⁵ 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.

*The Greek word for **encourage** is “oikodomeo” which means - “To build up, to rebuild, to repair, to restore.”*

Ephesians 4

²⁹ Don’t use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

Encouragement is filling others with _____.

2. We gather to _____.

Acts 2

⁴¹ Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all.
⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer.

Colossians 3

^{16a} Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives.

*God is doing something ____ you - so
he can do something _____ you.*

3. We gather to _____.

Acts 2

⁴² They devoted themselves to fellowship . . .

*The Greek word for **fellowship** is “koinōnia”*

which means - “community, communion, intimacy”

Hebrews 13

¹⁶ And don’t forget to do good and to share (fellowship) with those in need. These are the sacrifices that please God.

1 John 3

¹⁸ Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Fellowship isn’t something you

_____ - it’s something you _____.

4. We gather to _____.

Galatians 6

² Share each other’s burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. ³ If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.

Acts 2

⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

Romans 12

^{13a} When God’s people are in need, be ready to help them.

When you share what you _____

God will give you what you _____.

5. We gather to _____.

Acts 2

⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Worship is celebrating what God

_____ done, _____ doing, and _____ do.

Group Discussion.

- Do you ever feel like it's easier to do life alone than to do the work of sharing your life with others?
- Which ONE of these keeps you from sharing life with others? *Your Schedule - Your Selfishness - Your Pride*
- Which ONE of these 7 Journeys do you need to ask others for help? *Spiritual - Mental - Physical - Sexual - Financial - Relational - Professional*
- Which ONE of these 5 things has God gifted you to do well? *Encourage - Teach - Fellowship - Share - Celebrate*

Personal Reflection.

- Do you have a "CHURCH HOME" that you can call your family?
- If not . . . are willing to VISIT one this weekend?