

Corporate worship - a Christian necessity

Meditation



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Sunday morning worship with a congregation is typically known as "corporate worship" because it involves a group of people worshipping "corporately" or together as a body.

Down through the years, I have heard believers describe several ways that corporate worship positively influences their lives, and these positive influences are not fully experienced by those believers who refuse to attend corporate worship on a regular basis.

One way corporate worship affects our lives is by reminding us of the values that we share with other believers. Whether we gather for worship on a Sunday morning, or meet friends at a neighbor's home for Monday

night football, we are engaging in behavior that reminds us of what we value.

Monday night football probably reminds us of values like friendship, loyalty and cooperation. Sunday morning worship, on the other hand, reminds us of our faith in God, our shared experience of the Holy Spirit and our commitment to live out our daily lives in keeping with the character of Jesus Christ.

Our worship activities strengthen our faith because through them we are reminded that we share our spiritual values with other believers.

A second way that corporate worship affects our lives is by reminding us that an individual does not, cannot and ought not to

exist alone. Though we might like to believe the fiction that we are self-sufficient, the fact is that we don't birth ourselves, provide all of our food all by ourselves, or even shelter ourselves without some help from others.

Regular participation in corporate worship teaches us that we need one another for life and confronts us with the truth that each individual believer's experience enriches the experiences of others. Human beings are meant to live in community, and we are only hurting ourselves when we imagine that we can be whole as Christians without regular corporate worship.

A third way that corporate worship affects our lives is by helping us to realize that we need

help in making moral decisions. Morality is not a private exercise; it requires shared dialogue within a community. In fact, even our conscience is not formed without the influence of parents in childhood, and as we mature we need input from an ever-widening collection of positions and perspectives.

Even interpreting the Scripture is not merely a personal matter, for the Bible is the result of God working through many believers over the millennia, and it represents a continuing encounter and dialogue with our Creator in which all believers participate.

As Christians, we may think that our faith is purely a "personal" relationship with God, but

that is really only half the story. The fact is that we need to practice our faith personally and corporately, and any believer who has convinced himself or herself that regular participation in corporate worship is unnecessary for Christian faith is misunderstanding the full nature of that faith, so as one of my colleagues says, "With Bible in hand, I'll see you in church on Sunday."

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