

# **Meeting Together**

**4-30-17**

1 Corinthians 5:9–10 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> I wrote to you in my letter **not to associate with sexually immoral people**— <sup>10</sup> not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

**This world is absolutely crazy.** You parents must be horrified. **How do we survive with every human institution promoting non-Christian values?** God recognizes that believers must operate in this hostile world. This is the world we live in and we cannot isolate ourselves from it. **Not only is this world is a drain on us, 24/7; it is going to get worse!**

2 Timothy 3:12–13 (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> **Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,** <sup>13</sup> while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

We should have a “little encouragement” that **this is not a surprise to God.** God always knew things would get worse and is actively working in this world to bring things together for HIS purposes. **Therefore in this mess believers need to gather together to support and encourage each other in truth, prayer, and power.** The worse it gets **the more committed we need to be** to gather together in the name of the Lord. **WE NEED TO REGULARLY MEET TOGETHER!**

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, **not giving up meeting together**, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and **all the more** as you see **the Day approaching**.

**Brothers and sisters, things are getting worse!**

**Therefore it is an absolute necessity for believers to meet together!** **When we meet together, the Power of the Lord is present!**

1 Corinthians 5:4 (NIV)

So when you are assembled and I am with you in spirit, and **the power of our Lord Jesus is present**, ... ..

**We come together and experience the presence of God through the powerful work of the Holy Spirit!**

1 Corinthians 14:26 (NIV)

What then shall we say, brothers and sisters? **When you come together**, each of you has a hymn, or a word of instruction, a revelation, a tongue or an interpretation. Everything must be done **so that the church may be built up**.

**To face the onslaught of this world, which is under control of the evil one, we need to come together and experience the presence of God *with other believers for encouragement and support*.**

1 Timothy 3:14-15 (ESV)

I am writing these things to you **so that**, if I delay, **you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God**, which is **the church of the living God**, a pillar and buttress of **the truth**.

**The Church Meeting and the small group meeting is our place to experience the truth; the power of the risen Christ; and to be encouraged and refreshed!**

**When the disciples were persecuted, threaten, and told not to speak about Christ, they gave us an example of how we should react. They went to the place of encouragement and power, the church!**





Acts 4:23–24 (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. <sup>24</sup> **And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,”** *(Us and God win!)*

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Acts 4:29–31 (ESV)

<sup>29</sup> **And now, Lord, look upon their threats** and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, <sup>30</sup> **while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.** <sup>31</sup> **And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.**

2Cor.5:21 (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

### Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.

**Where else can you** be ministered to prophetically, receive life-altering prayer; hear the pure Word of God, and fellowship with Christ-minded people?