
Basic Disciplines for Believers
Discipline #5: Committed Gathering

*Because I am part of THE Body, I faithfully gather with a local body
in accordance with God's design to be grown and help the body to grow.*

Heb 10:24-25 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵ not forsaking the ASSEMBLING of ourselves together, as /s the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

When NOT to Gather

Matthew 18:15-20

¹⁵ "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

¹⁶ "But if he will not hear, take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established."

¹⁷ "And if he refuses to hear them, tell *it* to the church. But if he refuses even to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

¹⁸ "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.

²⁰ "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them."

Ἐὰν δὲ ἁμαρτήσῃ [εἰς σὲ] ὁ ἀδελφός σου,

ὑπάγε ἔλεγξον αὐτόν

μεταξὺ σοῦ καὶ αὐτοῦ μόνου.

ἐὰν σου ἀκούσῃ,

ἐκέρδησας τὸν ἀδελφόν σου·

ἐὰν δὲ μὴ ἀκούσῃ,

παράλαβε μετὰ σοῦ ἓτι ἓνα ἢ δύο,

ἵνα ἐπὶ στόματος δύο μαρτύρων ἢ τριῶν

σταθῇ πᾶν ῥῆμα·

ἐὰν δὲ παρακούσῃ αὐτῶν,

εἰπὲ τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ·

ἐὰν δὲ καὶ τῆς ἐκκλησίας παρακούσῃ,

ἔστω σοι ὥσπερ

ὁ ἐθνικός καὶ

ὁ τελώνης.

Matthew 9:10-11 ¹⁰ Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples. ¹¹ And when the Pharisees saw *it*, they said to His disciples, "Why does your Teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² When Jesus heard *that*, He said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick.

1 Corinthians 5:1

¹ It is actually reported *that there is* sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles-- that a man has his father's wife!

² And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.

³ For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed.

⁴ In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,

⁵ deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

⁶ Your glorying *is* not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

⁷ Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.

⁸ Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth.

⁹ I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people.

¹⁰ Yet *I* certainly *did* not *mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

¹¹ But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner-- not even to eat with such a person.

¹² For what *have I to do* with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside?

¹³ But those who are outside God judges. Therefore "put away from yourselves the evil person."

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2 Thessalonians 3:10-15

¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat.

¹¹ For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies.

¹² Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

¹³ But *as for* you, brethren, do not grow weary *in* doing good.

¹⁴ And if anyone does not obey our word in this epistle, note that person and do not keep company with him, that he may be ashamed.

¹⁵ Yet do not count *him* as an enemy, but admonish *him* as a brother.

Psalms 1:1

Blessed *is* the man Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;

2 Corinthians 6:14—7:1

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

¹⁵ And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among *them*. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

¹⁷ Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you."

¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the LORD Almighty."

^{7:1} Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Ephesians 5:11

And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose *them*.