

## Session 3: Why We Gather

**Overview:** As we continued our series in Ecclesia Pastor Mike preached to Why we gather. The Ecclesia - citizens of heaven gather to worship, surrender fully to God, and be formed as a spiritual family, because the environments we commit to will shape who we become, so we must spend time in environments that the presence of God will be in. When we worship with both our hearts and the Word, God uses His presence to expose sin, break chains, and call us higher into holiness, reminding us that crisis reveals who truly reigns in our lives. As we consistently put God's word to work, refusing to be soft to sin because sin won't be soft with us and choosing steady faithfulness, we grow stronger and more transformed. Low and slow so we can truly grow.

### Key Scripture:

- **Hebrews 9:11-15**
- **Romans 12:1-2**
- **Hebrews 4:12-13**
- **Matthew 5:29-30**
- **Phillipians 4:12-13**

### Discussion Questions:

1. When you think about church or life group, why do you believe God calls us to gather instead of walking out our faith alone?
2. What is one area of your life where surrender to God comes more naturally, and one area where it feels harder right now?
3. When life gets stressful or crisis comes, what do you notice about where you turn first? What might that reveal about what you trust most?
4. If worship is an act of surrender, what is one thing you want to intentionally place in God's hands right now?

**Prayer:** Lord thank you that you have given us a place to gather and a community to worship you with, help us to not become soft to sin in our lives, but have a soft heart to what you are calling us to surrender this week and everyday, when hard times and crisis come help us to lean on you knowing that you work all things for our good, draw us closer to you and to holiness by calling us higher. In Jesus name, Amen

