



## BREAKING THE ICE

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What are some new rhythms you are looking forward to adding to your life in 2022?

What was the best part of your holiday season? What was the hardest part?

## MAIN CONTENT

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This week, Pastor Drew Powell spoke about the sacred rhythm of gathering. When we gather together on Sundays as a church, it strengthens us each individually and it also helps us focus on Jesus and glorify Him.

1. What kind of gathering rhythms have you had in your life? This could be church, family, friends. How have those rhythms affected you?

Drew had a conversation with Pastor Kevin, Cheryl and Dwan about gathering together on Sunday's at Cross Point. We gather to sing and worship, hear a message and provide an encounter for others to know more about Jesus.

2. How have church gatherings helped you grow in your faith?

It's an act of faith to attend church on Sundays. As we learn and grow from gathering together on Sundays, we are equipped to take our faith into the communities where we live.

Pastor Drew said, "Gathering is not just a product to consume. It's a people to serve, place to belong and a person to worship."

3. How do you balance being a consumer of church and serving the church?

### **Read Hebrews 10:22-25**

We want people to receive at our Sunday gatherings. Worshipping, learning, sharing, praying are all good things that come out of a Sunday gathering. When we gather together as a church, it strengthens our faith.

But there is more to a gathering than just consuming from it. When we choose to serve others at the gathering it helps us in our faith journey as well.

4. How do you serve others when you gather with them?

Serving on Sundays can look different for everyone. It can be serving with Cross Point Kids, with our Guest Experience team or even being willing to slow down and listen to the Holy Spirit on Sundays to be prompted on where and who to serve. When we take time to ask God, “Who do you want me to serve today, who can I pray for, who do you want me to engage with?” we draft off the faith and courage of others.

5. How and where can you add a new serving rhythm into your life this year?

### **Read Ephesians 4:16**

Our faith is not a solo sport. When we all work and serve together we create a special place where others feel they belong. Not only are we meant to be in unity with one another, but we are meant to have unity with other churches. We are all serving the same God and want Him to be glorified. When we can come together with different opinions and backgrounds and worship Jesus together; the world will see a unified church that glorifies Him.

6. How has church created a place where you felt like you belong?

If church hasn't been a place where you felt like you belong, we're sorry. We know we will never be perfect but Cross Point wants to be a safe place for you.

The last thing a church gathering does is gives us an opportunity to worship Jesus together. When we gather together, we put Jesus at the center. We know our lives may not be perfect, in fact they are probably pretty messy. But Jesus wants to be invited into that mess.

7. How can you intentionally put Jesus at the center of your life this year?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

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God, thank you for the opportunity to gather together to worship you, belong and serve others. Please help us move from just consuming to serving and show us where you want us to serve others. Help us intentionally put Jesus in the center of our lives. When we get our focus off of you, help us get back on track. In Jesus name, Amen.

## ACTION STEP

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+ As you gather with friends, family or coworkers this week take note of what those gatherings look like. What is helpful in those gatherings? What is not helpful?

+ Take time to think through where Jesus needs to be the center of your life. What habits, relationships, lifestyle choices need to change this year to reflect that?