

Hope Chapel Series – “Gather Together from Isolation” Part 1

Message Summary: The past 20 months of COVID has created more isolation in our society than I have ever seen. This lack of connection has had devastating effects on people. Suicide – depression – anxiety and a host of other mental health issues – increase in substance abuse – marriages are suffering. With this need being so great, we are going to spend the next five weeks in preparation for the Holidays looking at how we gather together from Isolation. How do we experience the type of connections our hearts long for?

Designed to Gather Together

- 1. God created us to gather together - Genesis 2:18-20**
- 2. Gathering beyond yourself are essential - 1 Thessalonians 5:11**
- 3. We spend our lives looking for connection - Ecclesiastes 2:11**

Four Corners of Connection

- **No connection**
- **Bad connection**
- **Fake connection**
- **Real connection**

4. Jesus came to restore real connection

A. Jesus came to restore our connection with God - Colossians 1:20-22

B. Jesus came to restore our connection with each other - 1 John 4:7-8

LifeGroup QUESTIONS

Begin It (5min) – Open Prayer & Praise

Open it (10min) – Share how the past 20 months has effected relational connections with others. Has this negatively affected you?

Explore It (60min) - Discussion Questions:

1. How do you see humanity designed for gathering together?
2. Why are we not enough to only stay isolated with ourselves? Why do we need outside input?
3. Discuss the Four Corners of Connection. Share some of your own experiences being in each of the four corners.
4. How does Jesus restore real connection to God and others?

Apply It (15min): How do you need to grow during this series in gathering with others?