



gather

WORKSHEETS

Use these worksheets in conjunction with the videos and discussion guide in the small group kit for *Gather* by Tony Merida.

SESSION 1

List four aspects of your church gatherings. Then for each one write a reason or way each one reminds you of the gospel. Finally, label each one based on what it brings you most: joy, confidence, hope, or perseverance.

Aspect:

Reminds me of the gospel by:

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SESSION 2

Come up with some questions that could help you turn to spiritual matters before or after church gatherings.

“What” Questions

1. What part of that message will stick with you this week?

2.

3.

“Why” Questions

1. Why do you think _____ point was important?

2.

3.

“How” Questions

1. How can I be praying for you this week?

2.

3.

“Who” Questions

1. Who have you been trying to be an encouragement to lately? How’s that going?

2.

3.

“When” Questions

1. When do you think the point about _____ from the message will be hardest for you to live out this week?

2.

3.

SESSION 3

Use this space to think about how to grow in the way you receive and remember Sunday sermons.

What keeps you from listening to and understanding sermons? What do you find yourself thinking about when you lose track of the sermon?

1.

2.

3.

Idea: If you know you'll start thinking about what's for lunch during the sermon, you could try planning your lunch before church.

What are some practical steps you can take to help you listen more attentively? Think about what helps you listen attentively in other areas of life.

1.

2.

3.

Idea: If you find yourself easily distracted from conversation by your phone, perhaps reading the Bible on your phone during the sermon is also distracting. You could switch to a physical Bible.

What would help you remember and apply what is said on Sunday during the week? Consider what helps you remember things in other areas of life.

1.

2.

3.

Idea: Record a point or verse of the sermon in your calendar app and set it as a recurring reminder each day of the week so that you'll be reminded of it daily.

SESSION 4

Choose four songs you have recently sung or regularly sing in church. Look up the lyrics and spend some time reflecting on how each one connects to the four things the chapter highlighted about Mary's song.

Song:

Magnifying God: What does this song show you about God's glory?

Personal: What about this song connects with your life?

God-centered: What characteristic of God does this song point you to?

Bible-saturated: What Bible passages does this song reference or remind you of?

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SESSION 5

Select one of the psalms from page 68 to read together. Choose three themes from the psalm and share prayer requests related to those themes. (For example, if the theme is God's justice for the oppressed, share prayer requests for those facing injustice in your circle or around the world.) Write out a promise of God related to each of these themes, referencing a Bible passage if you have time. Finally, pray together.

Psalm:

Theme 1:

Prayer Requests:

Promise of God:

Theme 2:

Prayer Requests:

Promise of God:

Theme 3:

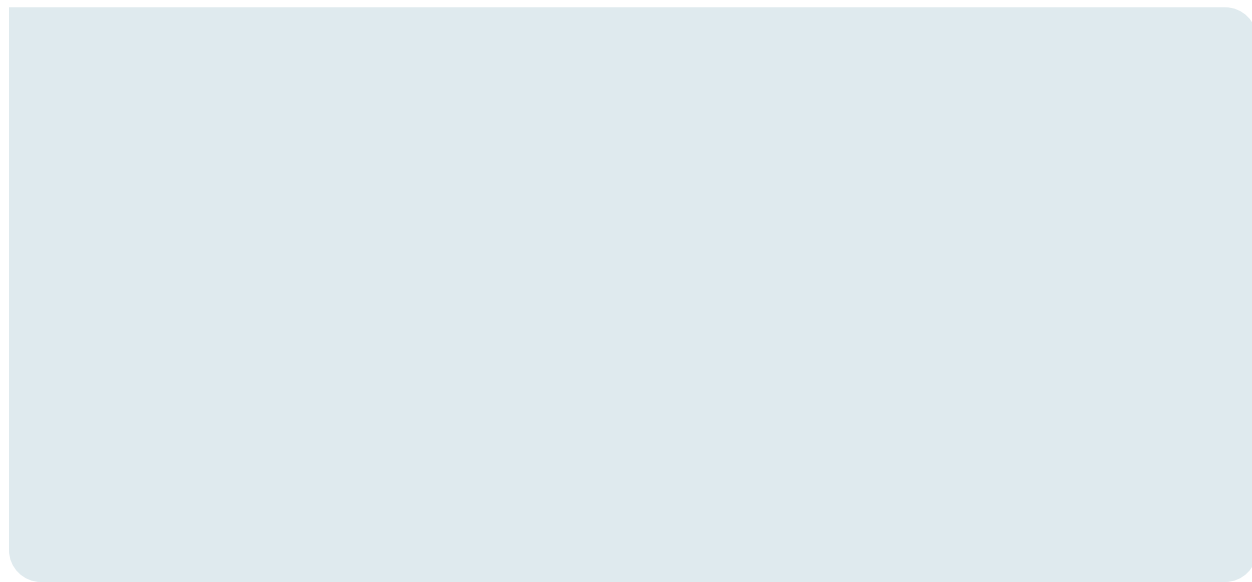
Prayer Requests:

Promise of God:

SESSION 6

In your own words, write out what the Lord's Supper represents. Then think of Bible verses related to each of the following elements, noting which one you forget most and committing to spend some time in the Bible finding references to that element.

The Lord's Supper in Your Own Words:



Your sin	Jesus' forgiveness	Unity with other believers	Our future in glory	Something else?

SESSION 7

Spend some time reflecting on how confident you are inviting outsiders to your church and brainstorming ways you could invite unbelievers in.

List five obstacles you face in inviting others to church.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

List three unbelievers you know, using just their initials if you need to. Note which obstacles are particularly relevant to them.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

List three ideas for how you might overcome the obstacles and invite those people. Brainstorm with others in your group, and don't forget to pray together.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

SESSION 8

Consider your participation in each area of ministry below. You could ask the following questions to help you. In what ways do you participate in these ministries already—at Sunday gatherings or throughout the week? What would you like to do more or differently? And how could your Sunday gatherings equip you for these areas of ministry?

Doing the Word

Caring for One Another

**Living Honorably
in Society**

Doing Justice and Mercy

**Declaring God's Glory
Among the Nations**