

Walk With Scripture - Scripture Lesson

Title: *The Power of Gathering in Jesus' Name*

Focus Scripture:

- **Matthew 18:20 (ESV):** "For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."
 - **Matthew 18:20 (NIV):** "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
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Lesson Outline:

1. Opening Prayer (5 minutes)

Begin with a prayer inviting God's presence and asking for the Holy Spirit to guide the study.

2. Introduction to the Topic (5-10 minutes)

Introduce the significance of believers gathering together in Jesus' name. Emphasize that Jesus promises His presence even in small gatherings.

3. Bible Verses for Discussion (20 minutes)

- **Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV):** "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."
 - **Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV):** "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."
 - **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (ESV):** "Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"
 - **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV):** "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."
 - **Acts 2:42 (ESV):** "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."
 - **Acts 2:42 (NIV):** "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer."
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4. Discussion Questions (15-20 minutes)

- What does it mean to gather "in Jesus' name"? How does this shape the purpose of our meetings?
 - How have you experienced God's presence when gathering with other believers?
 - What are the challenges you face in gathering, and how can you overcome them?
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5. Life Application (10 minutes)

- **Regular Fellowship:** Encourage the group to prioritize regular meetings for worship, study, and prayer.
 - **Accountability and Support:** Discuss how gathering provides accountability and spiritual support.
 - **Power of Small Groups:** Highlight that small gatherings carry significant spiritual impact, since Jesus promises His presence.
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6. Reflection and Encouragement (5-10 minutes)

Reflect on the strength gained from gathering with others in Jesus' name. Encourage the group to seek out opportunities for fellowship, trusting in the promise of His presence.

Closing Verse:

- **Psalm 133:1 (ESV):** "Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!"
 - **Psalm 133:1 (NIV):** "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"
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7. Closing Prayer (5 minutes)

Conclude with a prayer thanking God for the gift of fellowship and asking for the strength to remain faithful in gathering together.

Takeaway Challenge:

This week, make a point to gather with another believer or a small group for fellowship, prayer, or study. Reflect on how God's presence is with you during these gatherings.

Online Bible Resources:

- Logos (www.Logos.com)
- Bible by Olive Tree (www.OliveTree.com)
- BibleGateway (www.BibleGateway.com)