

## Leaders Meeting with Ps Phil Pringle

Sunday 2nd May, 4:30-5:30pm, Main Auditorium of Oxford Falls Campus. Childminding for 1 to 12 years available. All Connect Leaders, Assistants, Involved team leaders and members and anyone interested in becoming a leader welcome!

### Discipleship Tip

"Nothing organic continues to grow forever. God continues growth by planting new seeds. As leaders we must figure out ways to plant new seeds." - Dan Reiland.  
I'd say connect groups are new seeds!

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Connect Group Notes

18 Apr 2010

Ps Mark Kelsey

A Tale of Two Churches

## Mark 6:30(NIV). "The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught."

God wants Intimacy with us. He wants to connect with us for eternity. His goal was to not just get rid of sin, but to deal with the sin so that we can achieve **Intimacy** with God.

There are two churches we can be attend.

1. The Church gathered.
2. The Church scattered.

A great Christian attends both.

The Gathered Church

- Has a spirit of unity
- When we leave here on a Sunday we go to the Scattered Church
- Is an army fuelled by worship and The Word
- Receives direction, correction and guidance from the Word

The Scattered Church

- Has a spirit of acceptance
- Exists where Connect Groups are held
- Connect Group leaders pastor the scattered church

**Lev 8:4.** People gather to a Leader.

**Josh 18:3.** God gives dreams in a gathered assembly. Portions are given out in the gathered assembly.

**Josh 22:12.** Warfare happens – but in the gathering there is victory.

Sometimes people lose the revelation of the gathering.

**Ex 32:1.** The people gathered around Aaron, but they gathered in rebellion, rather than for God.

The enemy gathers and forms forces against us (**1 Sam 28:1**). The enemy has schemes. God has plans for us.

Every church begins with a gathering – a small gathering.

When a church gets established the enemy attacks the individuals – trying to prevent them

from gathering together in unity.

The Gospel of Mark tells us stories of people gathering around Jesus. In Mark 3, Jesus gathered his disciples, empowered them and then scattered them to go out into the community and do the work of the ministry.

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The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught (**Mark 5:21**).

Inconvenience is not a reason for not gathering together.

The gathered church receives encouragement.  
The scattered church encourages others.  
The gathered church receives vision.  
The scattered church serves the world.

#### **TALK ABOUT**

- How convinced about the gathering are you?

**REPORTING** <http://myc3church.net/cgi-bin/exform.pl>

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Search For Life – (10 week course)

All of mankind has the need for security and significance. Discover how to find it in God first and others second.

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Growing great kids takes time, input and having the right tools.

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