

Why Hold Gospel Meetings?

# Reasons we might not hold Gospel Meetings

- God's word contains everything we need, no preacher can add to that
- We have many capable preachers and teachers in our congregation
- It is a major financial expense that would be better spent in other ways
- It requires from our members extra time, effort and expense to travel and attend on top of the large amount many expend on a weekly basis

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## Matthew 28:18–20 (NKJV)

And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. **19** Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, **20** teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”  
Amen.

## Acts 8:26–35 (NKJV)

Now an angel of the Lord spoke to Philip, saying, “Arise and go toward the south along the road which goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” This is desert. **27** So he arose and went. And behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch of great authority under Candace the queen of the Ethiopians, who had charge of all her treasury, and had come to Jerusalem to worship, **28** was returning. And sitting in his chariot, he was reading Isaiah the prophet. **29** Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go near and overtake this chariot.”

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**30** So Philip ran to him, and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah, and said, “Do you understand what you are reading?” **31** And he said, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he asked Philip to come up and sit with him. **32** The place in the Scripture which he read was this: “He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before its shearer is silent, So He opened not His mouth. **33** In His humiliation His justice was taken away, And who will declare His generation? For His life is taken from the earth.” **34** So the eunuch answered Philip and said, “I ask you, of whom does the prophet say this, of himself or of some other man?” **35** Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning at this Scripture, preached Jesus to him.

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# 1 Corinthians 3:5–8 (NKJV)

Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers through whom you believed, as the Lord gave to each one? **6** I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. **7** So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. **8** Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

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- When they did, the church assembled to hear them

## Acts 15:3–4 (NKJV)

So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. **4** And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.

## Acts 15:30–33 (NKJV)

So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. **31** When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement. **32** Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. **33** And after they had stayed there for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles.

## Acts 20:16–17 (NKJV)

For Paul had decided to sail past Ephesus, so that he would not have to spend time in Asia; for he was hurrying to be at Jerusalem, if possible, on the Day of Pentecost. **17** From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church.

## Acts 21:17–22 (NKJV)

And when we had come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. **18** On the following day Paul went in with us to James, and all the elders were present. **19** When he had greeted them, he told in detail those things which God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry. **20** And when they heard it, they glorified the Lord. And they said to him, “... The assembly must certainly meet, for they will hear that you have come.

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- Because it helps identify and activate the next generation of preachers and teachers

## Acts 16:1–3 (NKJV)

Then he came to Derbe and Lystra. And behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a certain Jewish woman who believed, but his father was Greek. **2** He was well spoken of by the brethren who were at Lystra and Iconium. **3** Paul wanted to have him go on with him. And he took him and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in that region, for they all knew that his father was Greek.

## Philippians 2:19–23 (NKJV)

But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you shortly, that I also may be encouraged when I know your state. **20** For I have no one like-minded, who will sincerely care for your state. **21** For all seek their own, not the things which are of Christ Jesus. **22** But you know his proven character, that as a son with his father he served with me in the gospel. **23** Therefore I hope to send him at once, as soon as I see how it goes with me.

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## Psalm 19:7–10 (NKJV)

The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; **8** The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; **9** The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. **10** More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

## 2 Corinthians 12:14–15 (NKJV)

Now for the third time I am ready to come to you. And I will not be burdensome to you; for I do not seek yours, but you. For the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. **15** And I will very gladly spend and be spent for your souls

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- The effort and expense dedicated to gospel meetings demonstrates to all the value of God's word

## Matthew 6:19–33 (NKJV)

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also ... **33** But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

## Colossians 1:26–29 (NKJV)

the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. **27** To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. **28** Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. **29** To this end I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.