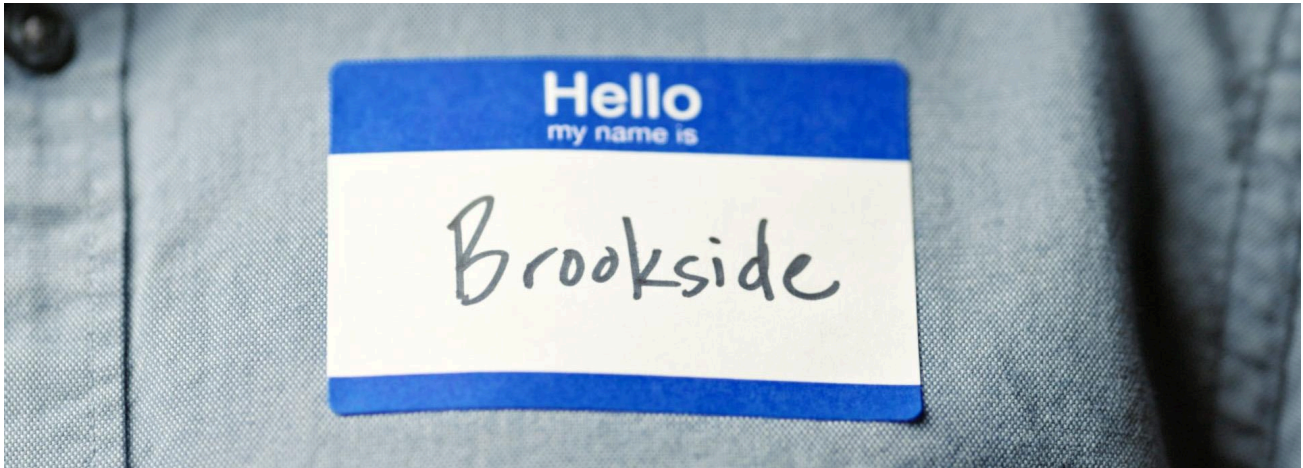




Gathered Worship
August 9, 2026
Questions for Study and Group Discussion

1. Icebreaker: Think about a larger-group gathering you've been part of recently — perhaps a concert, a sporting event, a conference, etc. How did the larger gathering shape your experience?
2. Imagine you are talking with someone who didn't believe gathering as a church for worship services was important. What would you say to them?
3. In the message, 5 Distinctives of Gatherings that Glorify God were mentioned and are included below (along with some Bible passages mentioned on Sunday). After each, summarize that distinctive and share in your own words why this distinctive matters for gathered worship.
 - The gospel carries the power (1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Romans 1:16; Colossians 1:28-29)
 - God's Word moves our hearts (Acts 2:22-24 and Acts 2:36-37)
 - The church is family (Acts 2:42-47)
 - We never get over grace (Ephesians 2:8-9)
 - We always have seats (Luke 19:10)
4. Think back over the last 2-3 months: How have you seen one of these distinctives at play in your own experience of gathered worship?
5. The way you approach gathered worship matters. Are there ways this list of distinctives can shape how you approach worship services? Explain.
6. Practically speaking, what can you do to apply something you read from this passage or heard in the sermon?
7. What other questions or comments do you have about what you've looked at in the Bible today?
8. What was your biggest take-away from the message? Why?