

WHY WORSHIP?

GODLY CONNECTIONS / INTRODUCTION

Focus Verse | Matthew 18:20

FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE COME TOGETHER IN MY NAME,
THERE AM I WITH THEM.

If anyone deserves a gold star or a certificate for perfect attendance, I know just the guy. He never misses a service. In fact, he's never even late to one- not even those early morning sunrise services on Easter! Even when the pastor is gone, this guy still fills the pews. And you know what's even more amazing? He's at every single church, at every single service. Isn't it kind of crazy to think about Jesus sitting next to you in the pew? Jesus promises that wherever two or three people come together in his name, he is there with them. When we gather together for worship, God is with us. Read that again. God is with us! God is with us as he speaks to us through his Word. He comes to us through the sacraments, marking us as his children at baptism and even giving us his very body and blood during the Lord's Supper. God is with us in our hearts as he works through his efficacious Word to strengthen our faith. Think back to the discussion on the tearing of the curtain from earlier. The curtain has been pulled back- torn down- for you to be in God's presence as you worship. We get to sit at Jesus' feet and listen to him teach us through the words of

the lesson- get to, not have to! Ponder the fact that you get to spend time with Immanuel- God with us- as you worship. God's Word is so incredibly powerful and proves he is present and connecting with you as you worship, what a miracle!

GODLY CONNECTIONS | A LOOK AHEAD

- **Bible Story** | The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost
- **Activity** | Personal Pew Buddy