



One Assembly  
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1. The Church Now Is a Preview of What the Church Will Be in Eternity Together

2. The Church Is a Family Together

3. The Church Is a Dwelling Place of God Together

4. The Church Is the Embassy of Heaven Together

5. We Live This Most Faithfully in One Assembly

### Questions for Reflection and Application

1. The first recorded occurrence of multiple Sunday morning worship services in the history of Christianity was in Los Angeles at Temple Baptist Church in 1913. Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
2. Discuss this statement: If we change a church's structure, we change how people relate to one another.
3. In what ways should the local church today be a preview of what the universal church will be in eternity? In your answer, it may be helpful thinking through Jesus' petition in Matthew 6:10.
4. The word "church" in our Bible is a translation of the Greek word "ekklēsia" which was used for an assembly (gathering) of citizens. What insights does this bring to your mind about the gathered church?
5. Jesus is with his people. But there is a special sense of his presence with the gathered church (see Matt 18:20; 28:20; Psalm 133:1,3; Eph 1:22-23; 2:22; 1 Cor 3:16). Does this heighten your appreciation of what God is doing amongst the gathered church?
6. Many of the pictures of the local church are corporate unities: one flock comprised of many sheep (Acts 20:28), one body comprised of many members (1 Cor 12:14-27), one temple comprised of many stones (Eph 2:19-22), and one household comprised of many members (Eph 2:19). In American church culture, do we tend to gather thinking primarily about the individual or the whole congregation? What about at Solid Rock?
7. It is typical to respond to church growth by adding more services or more campuses. What are some other ways that a church can address its growth?