The Gathering Series: The Time Is Now – Session 1

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| The Series: | **The Time Is Now – This is Session 1 is titled:**  **Choose Your Side – the Side of the World or the side of God** |
| The Reason for our name: The Gathering | **Hebrews 10:25 NLT:** *(And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.)* |
|  | Now you may be thinking, this seems strange that I would begin this teaching in this way. But hear me out.  The first step in our journey as a Christian, a believer and follower of Christ is to confess our belief in Jesus and be saved. Hopefully, all in this room have prayed to receive Christ as their savior, repented of your sins so that you could be forgiven and adopted into the family of God. (If you haven’t or are not sure you are saved – we can settle that today.) However, for all those that have I will say that is just the beginning of your journey as a Christ Follower. |
| Verses for Today: | Hebrews 10:22-23 NLT **22**let us go right into the presence of God with sincere hearts fully trusting him. For our guilty consciences have been sprinkled with Christ’s blood to make us clean, and our bodies have been washed with pure water.  **23**Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep his promise.  **1 John 5:4 NLT**  **4**For every child of God defeats this evil world, and we achieve this victory through our faith. |
| **Psalm 139:23-24 NLT**  **Hebrews 12:15 NIV** John 16:33 AMPCLuke 10:19 AMPC | Back to the question of salvation and our belief –  It is more than just saying words to the effect of escaping going to hell, it is a solid belief in the facts in what the Father did for us so that we could be reconciled to Him for all eternity.  So I ask you to examine your heart, do you REALLY–   1. Believe in the virgin birth? 2. Believe Jesus lived a sinless life while on this earth? 3. Believe that Jesus willingly sacrificed his life at the will of The Father, to die on the cross to pay for ALL our sins – past, present, and future? 4. Believe He conquered death by going to hell in our place, but then rose to life on the third day? 5. Believe that He is a\_\_\_\_\_\_ and is seated at the right hand of the Father? 6. Believe that because of the blood he shed on the cross, that those that confess and believe, are washed clean by His blood and are seen as righteous in the Father’s sight? And because of the blood shed for us, we can live free from the power of sin, live free of disease, live abundantly now, through Jesus and the power of His Name. And ultimately, we get to spend eternity with our Heavenly Father.   I hope you said yes. Praise the Lord! For this is the foundation, but again I say it is just the beginning of the most amazing journey. We each have been called to greater things for His Kingdom. Amen! |
| Matthew 6:24 NLT | So, the question stands – Are you really standing with God or are you standing with the world system? Have you been riding the fence? Just trying to get along, choosing not to ruffle any feathers, or worse yet, do anything that could possibly cost you friendships, or cause you to lose financially by being vocal about your faith?  It is not always easy or comfortable living your faith – out loud. However, even more uncomfortable is being unfaithful - disobedient to our Heavenly Father.  While the second part of this scripture references money – it can also apply to any thing or person that we put before God.  Jesus also warns us that we must make a c\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – we either believe in God, in what he says in his word and be willing to defend it or we don’t – which is choosing the world. We cannot be lukewarm in our faith, like the church of Laodicea in Revelation, lest we risk being spewed out – considered virtually worthless for the kingdom. See Revelation 3:14-16.  Times are changing! God has begun shaking things up – shaking anything that can be shaken to awaken His Church to see how bad, corrupt things have become because His Church has allowed the enemy to infiltrate every area of our lives.  It has been a slow process taking many years, but the enemy has effectively kicked God out of our schools, taken over our financial/business areas, taken God out of our legal system, and our governmental system. The enemy has targeted our families replacing Him with secular gods of pleasure, ambition, greed, and selfishness. And the enemy has even infiltrated some of our churches with false teachers leading many believers and non-believers astray with a perverted version of the Gospel and scriptures.  Well, no more. God is speaking through His prophets and through signs declaring the truths in His Word, exposing the deception, and restoring justice and as well as the Church body in leadership positions to hold back the darkness until we are called home. The Church still has a job to do while we are here. It is not time for the darkness to overtake the world – The Light – God’s light that lives within us is still here and there is a great harvest to complete before we are raptured to join him in the air. A great r\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is bubbling up all over the world because of His Glory and His manifest presence filling the earth. Halleluiah |
| Joel 2:27-28 AMPC | We are seeing it take place right here in Norman with the student-led event -- Fill The Stadium on April 29th. OU Students working together with the community to put on a concert for the purpose of proclaiming the gospel to as many people as they can fit into that 86,000-seat stadium. This is happening now! |
| 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 TPT | We too are His people because of the New Covenant! This prophecy is for now!  We are being called to get out of our comfort zone, stand up for the gospel, take action in whatever way God puts on our heart to assist with bringing in the harvest, discipling and supporting the new believers. And, yes pray! This is our most powerful tool |
| Ephesians 6: 10 NLT1 John: 5:5 AMPC1 John 4:4 AMPC | A final word for this day and hour.  We are called to be strong in the Lord and through His power we can stand against the enemy – but not only stand but by the mighty power in the name of Jesus and the Holy Spirit that dwells within us – we are o\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, triumphant to the very end! |
| Praise the Lord!! | Are you ready? Are you willing? Then say YES to your enlistment into the ARMY of the Most-High God! |