



**RECEIVING GOD'S WORD**

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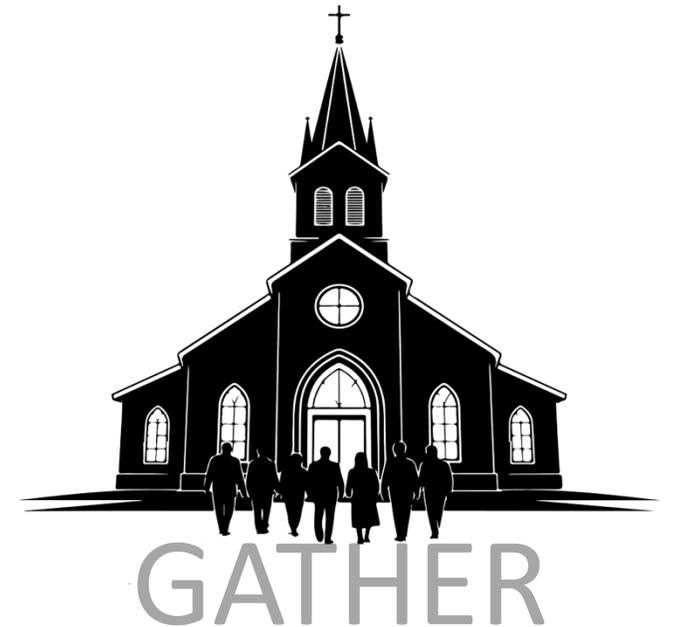
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# Historical Context

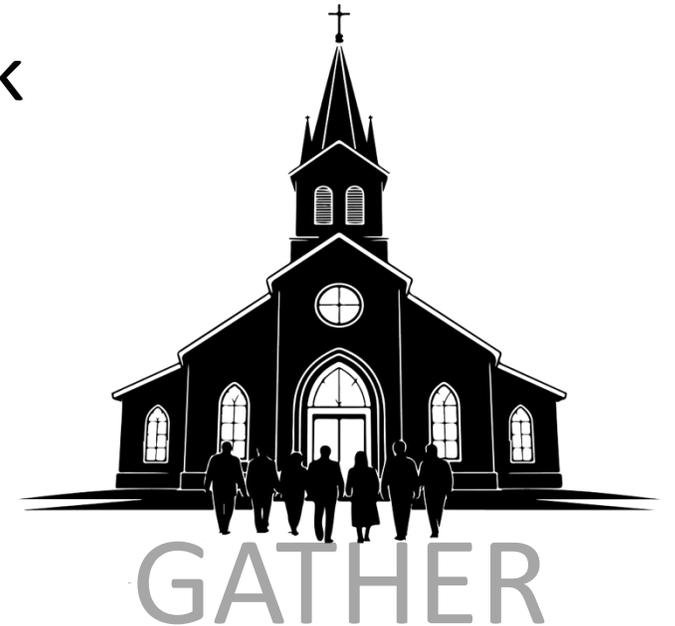
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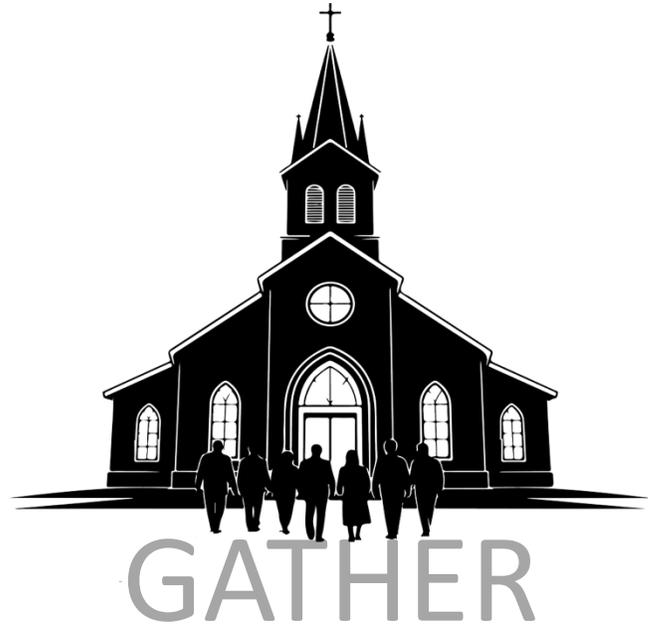
[26] And on that day a survivor from Jerusalem will come to you in Babylon and tell you what has happened. [27] And when he arrives, your voice will suddenly return so you can talk to him, and you will be a symbol for these people. Then they will know that I am the LORD.”



## EZEKIEL 33:21-22 (NLT)

[21] On January 8, during the twelfth year of our captivity, a survivor from Jerusalem came to me and said, “The city has fallen!” [22] The previous evening the LORD had taken hold of me and given me back my voice. So I was able to speak when this man arrived the next morning.





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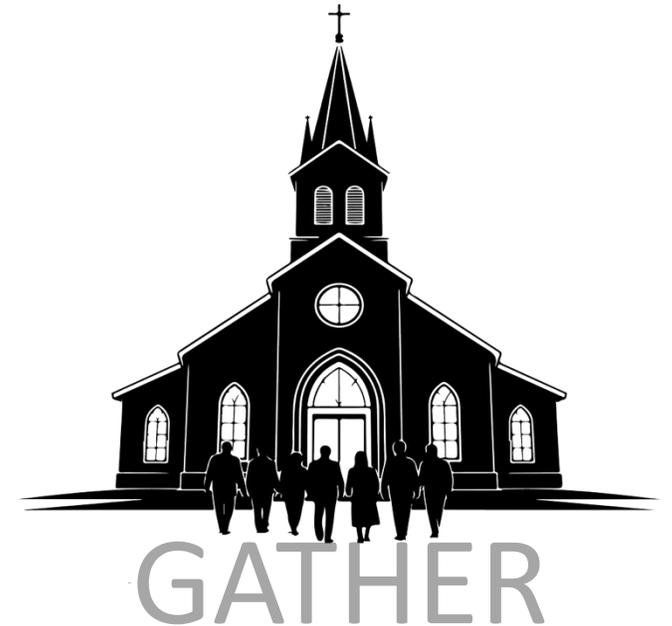
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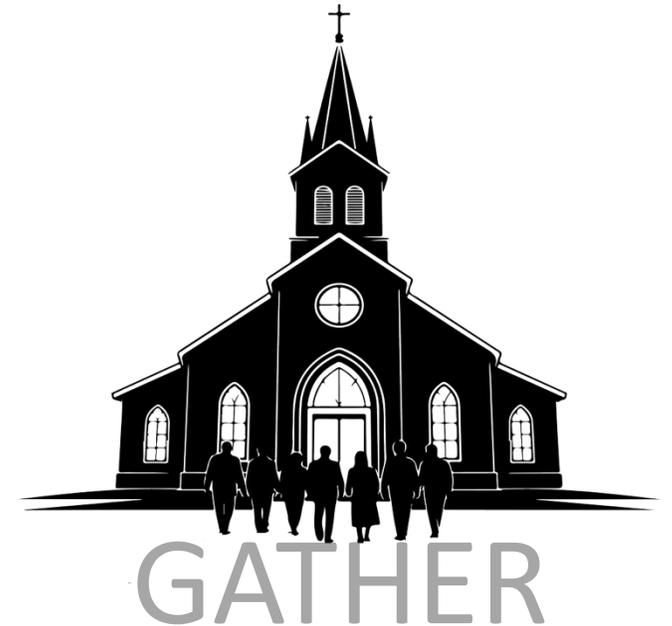
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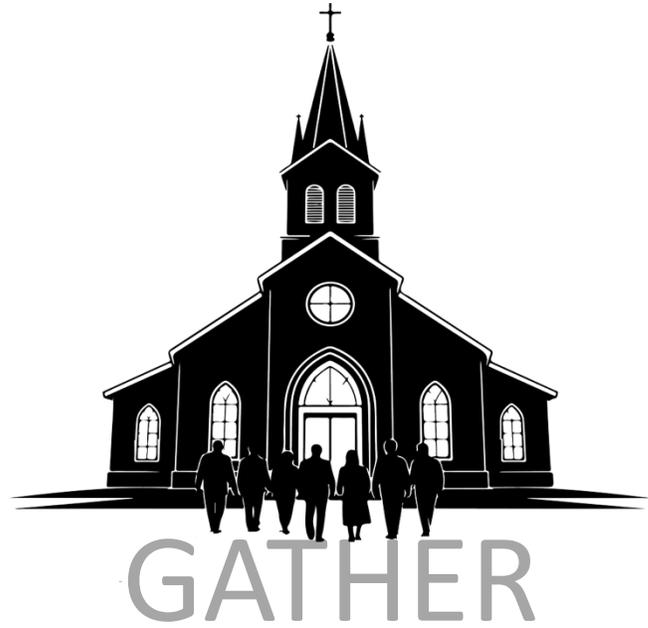
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# JOHN 1:1,14,18 (NIV)

[1] In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ... [14] The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... [18] No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, **has made him known.**





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## EZEKIEL 33:2-6 (NLT)

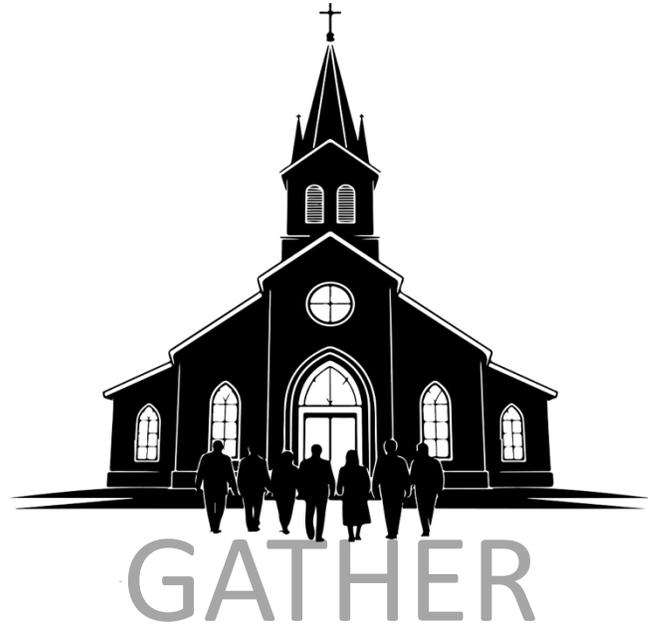
[2] “Son of man, give your people this message: ‘When I bring an army against a country, the people of that land choose one of their own to be a watchman. [3] When the watchman sees the enemy coming, he sounds the alarm to warn the people. [4] Then if those who hear the alarm refuse to take action, it is their own fault if they die. [5] They heard the alarm but ignored it, so the responsibility is theirs. If they had listened to the warning, they could have saved their lives. [6] But if the watchman sees the enemy coming and doesn’t sound the alarm to warn the people, he is responsible for their captivity. They will die in their sins, but I will hold the watchman responsible for their deaths.’



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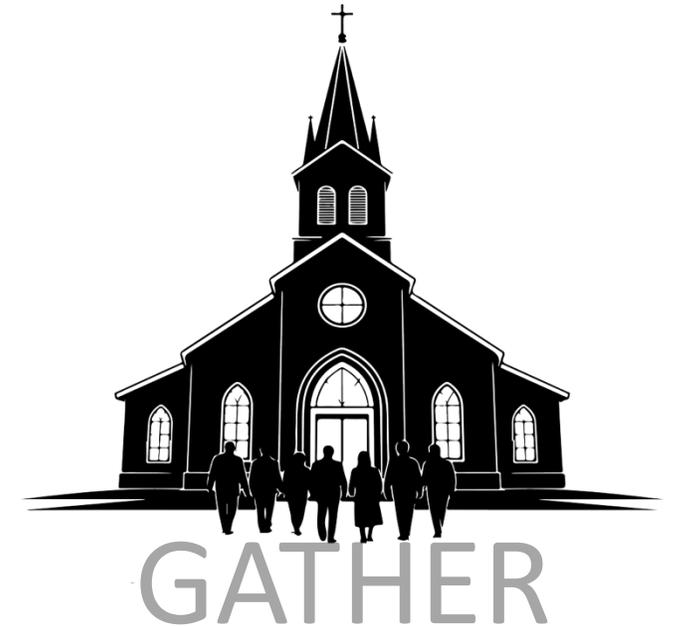
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## PROVERBS 3:5-6 (NIV)

[5] **Trust in the LORD** with all your heart and **lean not on your own understanding**; [6] in all your ways **submit to him**, and he will make your paths straight.



## HEBREWS 11:6 (NLT)

And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him.

