



How Does Your Community Gather for Worship?

It has been crazy. 8 groups have passed through Chiang Mai since June. Due to the sensitive places people work, I cannot pass on all the details about who came. But your prayers were answered in many ways. And they impacted many difficult parts of this world.

Some crazy was, we had a group leave on the afternoon of the 27th and the next group arrived the morning of the 27th. That took some juggling.

I will talk a bit about that, but I want to talk more about what happened after the 30th. The second group left the 30th. That evening we went to Jerund's house for dinner to pray and encourage these folks. You'll see Pook in the center left. He is going on a work study program to New Zealand.



All these friends are walking in Christ. Pray for them, and Pook as he heads out on this adventure.

On the 31st we headed with three of these people and about 15 more up into the mountains. Relaxing, Beautiful.



This is the view from my Bed.



Noi and Awn relaxing having a good chat.

And finally, [this is a video I took](#). Only about 35 seconds long, but it shows you the interaction and engagement with one another. All but 3 in this video follow Christ.

Now, back to the groups that visited. A common question I try to avoid, but I got from all of them, is “When do your communities meet together to worship?”

A very unsatisfactory answer is the truth, we don't. Certainly not like they mean. I try to avoid this question because there is significant pressure to “Worship” in a Christian meeting and gathering to eat a meal or celebrate a birthday, etc. is not considered worship because we are not sitting in rows singing or quietly listening to a single speaker.

Perhaps these two examples are how we do it. Paul says, “When you come together.... all things are to be done for edification.” (1 Cor. 14:26). In context you will see he is talking about edifying one another.

Eph. 4:29 “Let no unwholesome word come out of your mouth, but if there is any good word for edification...”

I Cor. 14:12 “strive to excel for the edification of the church.” The church being the people who have gathered.

Romans 15:2 “Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.” - being the church among the lost.

All our gatherings seek to build up all the folks who gather. We hope and intentionally seek to encourage, instruct, serve, love and pray for one another. And this occurs with and among the lost.