

Dining Room Table

Scripture:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122:1)

Materials List:

(1) Refrigerator

Main Message:

Just as most families would not miss a chance to gather together and share memories, worship services are a special gathering we should not want to miss!

Song: *Precious Memories*

Lesson:

When our children were growing up, we always encouraged them to gather with us for a meal around our table. It was a time for nourishment, encouragement, and catching up on the events of our children's lives. I had a brother who never had a table at his house. How sad that he never experienced the same kind of rich times with his children. We would have missed some of the best meals, laughs, cries, and precious memories that took place at the table if we didn't meet there.

Our photo album (yes, real printed pictures from a photo store) is full of pictures of parties, holiday gatherings and so on, all taken around that table. Seldom did any activity happen without some type of meal being served, and the pictures are a testimony to those memorable times.

Our worship services, in a spiritual sense, are very much like our dining room table. Here is where the spiritual nourishment is dished out in generous portions. It is here we gather to receive encouragement from one another. It is here we show our love and respect for each other as we pour out the same to the Lord.

I have so many memories of wonderful brothers and sisters in Christ that have passed on. Usually, I remember them as they looked in church worship service; in the pew or up leading songs, chasing their children, or serving at a church function. I am so encouraged by the memories of the great times I have had when we gathered together to share in the Lord. Like my brother, what a shame it is that some of us so easily neglect such a blessing.

Prayer: Thank God that in His knowledge He gave us the church family because He knew we would need each other for fellowship and encouragement.