

Sermon Notes

What's so special about Sundays? Gathering

Exodus 19:1-9, Hebrews 10:19-25

Introduction: Exciting stuff!

1. What's so special about a local church? The local church is central to God's plan to remake a broken world.

God's plan to remake a broken world is gathering a redeemed people

- (i) Gathering promised (*Gen. 12:1-3*)
- (ii) Gathering foreshadowed – Israel (*Exod. 19:1-9*)
- (iii) **Gathering realised – Jesus' Church**

Jesus' saving death (*John 12:32, Heb.10:19-25*)

Jesus' Church – now and not yet (*Eph. 1:10; 3:9-10*) (pp.976-7)

Now

Local gospel churches (gatherings)
scattered across the world

Not yet

Local gospel churches gathered into
the New Creation



2. What's so special about Chalmers?

3. What's so special about Sundays at Chalmers?

As a people gathered by God into this local church, we meet together in person, in obedience to God's command...

- to listen to God
- to speak to one another, and together speak to God in prayer
- to sing to one another, and together sing to God
- to share communion together in remembrance of Jesus' death

In doing so, we make visible, to ourselves and the world, who we are, and enjoy a foretaste of the New Creation.

You being here, really, really matters, because it's where you belong.