

## ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK THEY GATHERED

**Acts 20:7** *And on the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, intending to depart the next day, and he prolonged his message until midnight”.*

Many preachers try to use this verse to show that the people used to get together for fellowship on Sunday,



rather than on the sabbath. They try to use this verse to show that Sunday is the sabbath. Notice the word "sabbath" is nowhere to be found in this verse. What they fail to realize is that Paul is simply getting together with the apostles after the sabbath was over. They were getting together in the evening for breaking bread (havdalah), a traditional way of closing out the sabbath. It is a very common tradition after shabbat to sit and discuss scriptures till all hours of the night. Paul was getting together with them that evening (till midnight) which would have been the first day of the week, because he was leaving first thing in the morning.

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