

Vision and Values – Part 6

We're here to build a community which proclaims the gospel of Jesus by loving people into the kingdom of God, training disciples to make disciples, growing people into spiritual maturity, and transforming our world through personal renewal.

September 26, 2021

Community: a group of people connected by something in _____.

Biblically this community has been known as the bride, vineyard, flock of Christ and the _____ (Matthew 9:15, John 15:5, John: 10:14, 1 Corinthians 12)

The cause of this body of believers is _____. (Ephesians 2:13-19)

How do we _____ our community? (Ephesians 4:15-16)

Acts 2:42 says,

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Five characteristics of the early church that are vital for us.

They were a _____. (2 Timothy 2:2, 1 Timothy 1:4, 2 Timothy 3:16-17)

They were a _____. (Acts 2:42, John 1:6-7)

They were a _____. (Acts 4:32-35, Galatians 6:10, Philippians 4:14-16)

They were a _____. (Acts 1:14, Colossians 4:2, Romans 12:12)

They were a _____. (Acts 2:36-41, Matthew 16:24-26)

To be a community that will proclaim the Gospel, we must be _____.

Fill-ins: common; Body of Christ; Jesus Christ; build up/oikodomeo; teaching church; fellowship church/koinonia church; giving church, praying church, redeemed church, Gospel driven church

Life group questions for the week of September 26, 2021

1. Looking back at your notes for this Sunday's message, what stood out, what challenged you or confused you?
2. What are other important characteristics of the early church that you can think of, that weren't mentioned?
3. When the early church devoted themselves to teaching, prayer, fellowship, etc. What does the word devoted mean to you?
4. How are you getting fed the word of God? Are there times when reading the Bible becomes hard?
5. What is the difference between social gathering and fellowship?
6. Whose life are you committed to build up? Is there someone who you fellowship (your share your life) with?
7. Are you committing your self to meet at least once a week (more often if possible) to build up each other?
8. In your times together use these questions: "What specific areas of your life has God been working in your life? What is the greatest need or burden in your life? What can I do to minister to you? Do you know of any area of my life that needs to be corrected or dealt with?"
9. Fellowship, Prayer, Scripture, Giving was the nature of the early church but the basis was their redemption/salvation of their members. How did this salvation started for them?
10. What challenges do you think the early church faced? What challenges does our church face today? How do we persevere?
11. If you were asked, what is the Gospel of Jesus Christ? what would you say?