

April 14th, 2024

Give
Acts 2:42-47

The church is people, an _____.
(Gk. for a summoned or called out assembly)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

We Gather To _____:

By first fully giving ourselves to _____.
Matt 22:36-40; Rom 12:1; Gal 1:3-4

By giving ourselves to His _____:

We cared for you. Because we loved you so much,
we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God
but our lives as well.
1 Thessalonians 2:8 (NIV)

- By _____ one another. Rom 15:7; Gal 6:10
- By _____ one another. 1Thess 5:11
- By being _____ with one another.
Eph 4:25; Heb 3:12-13
- By sharing our _____ with one another.
Ecc 5:19; Pro 22:9; Acts 2:44; 2Cor 8:1-5
- By serving one _____. Rom 12:7; 1Pet 4:10

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the world, and all who live in it;
Psalm 24:1

Growth Group Questions

Because we believe that the sharing of our ideas and beliefs enhances our spiritual growth in ways teaching alone cannot - we encourage you to join a small group at Sunridge and discuss some of the following questions.

What stood out most in the message to you regarding something that you learned, challenged you, or that you disagreed with? And, in what ways can you see these truths being lived out in your relationships and life this week?

How do you respond to the quote in the message by St. Cyprian, *One cannot have God as his Father who does not have the church as his mother.*

Read Romans 12:1. What does it mean to give yourself as a sacrifice to God? Is it harder to think of giving yourself to God or the church?

Which of the ways of giving ourselves to one another noted in the message comes most naturally to you? Why? Which is the most difficult? Why?



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