

COME TO GETHER (GET BACK TO CHURCH)

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ACTS 2:42-47 (NIV)

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.

HEBREWS 10:24-25 (NLT)

Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. 25 And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

HEBREWS 13:1-2 (NIV)

Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2 Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-4 (NIV)

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. 3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, 4 not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

NOTES (THE STUFF THAT STICKS OUT TO ME)



GOING DEEPER

(SOME IDEAS TO PUT IT INTO PRACTICE)

QUESTIONS TO PONDER:

What images come to mind when you hear the word "church?" What memories or feelings surface, both good and bad? How would you picture "the perfect church?" What does it look like?

Read Acts 2:42-47. What words or phrases stick out to you? Where did the people meet (v.46)? Why are both temple worship (all together) and in homes important? What did they do when they gathered?

How could you personally help Grace City grow into the church that God designed and that you dream of?

A VERSE TO MEMORIZE:

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TAKE A STEP:

As we "get back" to normal routines this fall, how can you make gatherings with other believers and encouraging each other a priority?



ALLIN, TOGETHER

GENERAL OFFERING

 2023 Weekly Budget:
 \$10,187

 Given August 13th:
 \$13,183

 Difference:
 \$2,996

2023 Annual Budget: \$529,724 2023 Budget YTD: \$325,984 2023 Given YTD: \$290,436 Difference: (\$35,548)

BUILD YOUR CHURCH FUND

BYC August 13th: \$32,516 BYC YTD: \$106,068 BYC Total Given: \$428,560

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