

Nurturing Growth

Acts 2:42-48

1. Center your life around God through worship.

- a. Worship is simply building your life around God,

You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. Matthew 22:37-38

- b. How the first church in Jerusalem worshiped

They worshiped together at the Temple each day. Acts 2:46

2. Connect with other believers through fellowship.

- a. Fellowship is learning to love other people in God's family.

All honor to God, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; for it is his boundless mercy that has given us the privilege of being born again so that we are now members of God's own family. 1 Peter 1:3 (TLB)

This is the church of the living God, which is the pillar and foundation of the truth. 1 Timothy 3:15.

- b. God wants us to connect with other believers.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:46-47

3. Cultivate spiritual maturity through discipleship.

- a. God doesn't want you to stay a spiritual baby.

You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. Hebrews 5:12

- b. God wants you to center your life on Christ.

4. Contribute something back through ministry.

- a. Ministry is something everybody's called to do.

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

- b. The way we serve God is by serving others.

"Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your work for the Lord is never

wasted." 1 Corinthians 15:58

5. Communicate God's love through evangelism.

a. Evangelism means "sharing good news."

God has done it all! He sent Christ to make peace between himself and us, and he has given us the work of making peace between himself and others. What we mean is that God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19