

**Spring Week 8 - 5/16/21**  
My Church series Week 1

**Getting to Know You**

- 1.) How can a person know which church they should be a part of when there are so many around? What are the right reasons and motives for joining a church?
- 2.) From the beginning of Jesus' ministry he taught that it's not *what* but *why* his followers did something that counts. How can you be sure that your heart is right and that your actions are flowing from it rather than being works-based?
- 3.) What's a good example of a church that clearly has submitted to what Christ was calling them to and had some amazing outcomes as a result?

**Into the Bible**

- 4.) Read through the "let us" and "one another" verses (below, after question 8) on your own. Do any of them convict you to start or stop anything in your life?
- 5.) Read Matthew 16:17-18. What do you think Jesus meant by this incredible statement about Peter and the church being built on him? And what does it mean that the gates of Hades will not overcome the church?
- 6.) Read Acts 2:42-48. Have you had experiences in a church that have reminded you of this model of what a church should be? What do you think you can do to make our church more like the early church in Acts?

**Application**

- 7.) Of the "let us" and "one another" verses, which one(s) specifically do you need to work on? How will you do that?
- 8.) Take some time alone with God and reread Acts 2:42-48 several times. Ask him if there is anything *you* can do to make our church more like the early church in Acts and then share your thoughts with your group.

**"Let us..." verses**

Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in carousing and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. (Ro 13:13)

Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. (Ro 14:13)

Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification. (Ro 14:19)

Let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. (2 Co 7:1)

Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other. (Ga 5:26)

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (Ga 6:9–10)

Let us move beyond the elementary teachings about Christ and be taken forward to maturity (Heb 6:1)

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb 10:24–25)

Let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. (Heb 12:1–2)

Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased. (Heb 13:15–16)

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 Jn 3:18)

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. (1 Jn 4:7–8)

**“... One another” verses**

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. (Ro 12:10)

Share with the Lord’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality. (Ro 12:13)

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. (Ro 12:16)

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. (Ro 13:8)

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (Ro 15:7)

... Agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Co 1:10)

Serve one another humbly in love. (Ga 5:13)

Carry one another's burdens. (Ga 6:2)

Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. (Eph 4:2-3)

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. (Eph 5:21)

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. (Col 3:13)

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom. (Col 3:16)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing. (1 Th 5:11)