

Together, Living with Purpose

“The Biblical Family”

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Together, living with purpose by:

- Building a community that loves everyone deeply.
- Developing personal relationships that lead others closer to Jesus.
- Equipping each generation to follow Jesus and become disciple makers.

Why purposeful?

- Healthy churches help adults and families become spiritually healthy!
- Purposeful and healthy churches make greater spiritual impact on a local community.

A key reality for a church: Without a clear spiritual purpose people become spiritually indifferent.

Acts 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Application Truths:

1. Together, living with purpose begins not by “going to church”, but rather by “being the church”!

*Hebrews 10:24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,
25 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. NIV*

Acts 4:32 Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. 33 And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. 34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold 35 and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

2. Building a Community that loves deeply begins by believing that the “family of God” is not optional and was birthed by God.

“The idea of salvation cannot be reduced to a personal relationship with Jesus. God's plan is much more encompassing. God intends for salvation to be a community-creating event.” Hellerman