



SEEK FIRST

Matthew 6:33



Seek first *throughout* the week.

God gave us the perfect
picture of community.

Acts 2:42-47

Why can't we just go
back to Acts 2 basics?

A challenge standing in the way of
Acts 2 community are our calendars.

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Acts 2 community is we are weird!

A challenge standing in the way of
Acts 2 community are our devices.

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The #1 reason people use ChatGPT is for therapy and companionship.

We also have cultural challenges.

The Acts 2 church had
work.

The Acts 2 church had
household responsibilities.

The Acts 2 church had
intense food prep.

The Acts 2 church had
travel challenges.

The Acts 2 church had
poverty and economic
uncertainty.

The Acts 2 church had
cultural challenges.

προσκαρτερέω

pros-kar-ter-eh'-o

Devoted

To be earnest towards;

To persevere;

To be constantly diligent;

To adhere closely to

“The church isn’t here to make our
lives or the world **smoother.**”

–Dale Robinson

"We live in an impatient, shallow, isolated culture. The idea of patiently journeying with a community of Jesus followers, doing the hard work of cultivating and excavating depth in our relationships with God and one another, and involving ourselves in the messy work of forging a meaningful community of diverse people doesn't seem like an attractive option."

-Jay Kim, *Analog Church*

Devotion is what the church
can and *must* offer.

Dunbar's number: 150

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Last Sunday: 1,782

No one is going to know everyone.
But everyone needs to be known.

- Life Groups
- Open Word Class
- Women's Bible Study
- Men's Mid(ish) Week
- Lunch Bunch
- MomGroup
- Weekly Prayer Gatherings
- High School Ministry
- Ascend: Mentor Ministry
- GPOPs
- FAC Kids
- Young Professionals
- ESL Team
- Belayers: Mentor Ministry
- Worship Team
- Women's Freedom Groups
- GriefShare
- Monday Night Men's Study
- Infertility Group
- Deeper Walk Class
- The Gathering
- The Table
- Tech Team
- Cultivating a Greater Awareness of God Seminar
- Men's Freedom Group
- Prayer Team
- Alpha
- Guest Services Team
- Young Marrieds & Growing Families
- Food Service Ministry
- KIT Team
- Middle School Ministry
- Men's Service Breakfast
- 24 Hour Prayer
- 24 Hour Prayer
- Lost in Translation: Building Real Friendships Across Cultures Class
- Life to Life Tables
- Away and Pray
- Men's Retreat
- Women's Retreat

Community is active, not passive.

Find a group of people and
do your own thing!

Sometimes a type of community
is just for a season and then you
figure something else out.

“Church would be great if
weren’t for all the people!”

Church is for all the people.

That's not evidence that Kingdom
community isn't working.

It's evidence that Kingdom
community takes work.

The church in Acts 2 was beautiful.

The church in Acts 2 was broken.

PAUL CHAMPIONED COMMUNITY

- We are all one body, with many parts (Rom. 12, 1 Cor. 12)
- Jesus breaks down the dividing wall of hostility (Eph. 2)
- No Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female (Gal. 3)
- Put on love, bear with and forgive one another (Col. 3)

The 21st century church has the same
issues the 1st century church had.

Let's be a community of believers
devoted to each other.