



## “A PLACE WHERE I CAN GROW THE MOST”

Series: “BETTER TOGETHER”, Part 1 of 2

Sunday, November 12, 2023, at 9:00 & 11:00 AM

Text: Acts 2:42-47

**Big Idea: The church community is like a spiritual bootcamp to grow strong and effective soldiers for Christ.**

Acts 2:42-47, “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.”

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Love one another  
Be devoted to one another  
Live in harmony with one another  
Accept one another  
Instruct one another  
Greet one another  
Agree with one another  
Be kind one to the other  
Bear one another’s burdens  
Submit to one another  
Serve one another  
Forgive one another  
Admonish one another  
Encourage one another  
Offer hospitality to one another  
Pray for one another  
Confess your sins to one another

Acts 18:24-26, "Meanwhile a Jew named Apollos, a native of Alexandria, came to Ephesus. He was a learned man, with a thorough knowledge of the Scriptures. He had been instructed in the way of the Lord, and he spoke with great fervor and taught about Jesus accurately, though he knew only the baptism of John. He began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they invited him to their home and explained to him the way of God more adequately."

Acts 4:18b, "Commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus."

**1. The church is God's "A" Plan. There is no Plan "B."**

**2. We are God's representatives in this world.**

Ephesians 3:20-21, "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

**3. Jesus purchased the church with His own blood.**

Acts 20:28, "Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood."