

We Are The Church
Grow Together: The Work of the Church
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Key Verses of the Day

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 NLT

Key Thought of the Day

Jesus wants to _____ of His Church by empowering it to complete it's mission.

Knowing that The Church cannot lose ought to bring us to the understanding and resolve of aggressively and passionately _____

The Work of the Church is...

1. To _____ Jesus Christ.

God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah." Acts 2:32-33, 36 NIV

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name... Philippians 2:9 NIV

The Practice of Exalting Jesus

• Proclaim the _____!

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come. — Jesus Matthew 24:14 NIV

• The Worship of _____.

For through him God created everything in the heavenly realms and on earth. He made the things we can see and the things we can't see— such as thrones, kingdoms, rulers, and authorities in the unseen world. Everything was created through him and for him. He existed before anything else, and he holds all creation together. Colossians 1:16-17 NLT

For in Christ lives all the fullness of God in a human body. Colossians 2:9 NLT

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth... Philippians 2:10 NLT

• We seek Him and His leading in _____.

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart. Colossians 4:2 NLT

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. 1 John 5:14 NIV

- When we _____ the work of His Church.

All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. Acts 4:32,34 NLT

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." 2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT

The Work of the Church is...

2. To _____.

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. Matthew 28:19-20a NLT

The Work of the Church is...

3. To meet the _____.

And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. Acts 2:44-45 NLT

The Work of the Church is...

4. To _____ the Body of Christ.

So encourage each other and build each other up, just as you are already doing. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 NLT

Be on guard. Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13 NLT

Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11-12 NLT

_____ people to do ministry encourages and builds up
The Church.

The Bottom Line

The Work of the Church will _____ the Kingdom of Jesus — So let's get busy!

The Challenge

Where can you better Advance the Kingdom of Jesus in your life?