



LOCAL CHURCH | PT.1 LOCAL REVIVAL | PASTOR RYAN ROBERTS

**THE BOOK OF ACTS IS A MAJOR SHIFT IN THE BIBLE...
POST-RESURRECTED JESUS IS GIVING INSTRUCTIONS
FOR HIS DISCIPLES TO **GATHER** TOGETHER AND WAIT
FOR THE PROMISED HOLY SPIRIT**

ACTS 1:4-11

THEY WILL RECEIVE POWER... POWER FOR WHAT? TO BE
HIS **WITNESSES!**

WITNESS: martyres (FROM **Martus**) 'one who testifies for one'

JESUS' FINAL INSTRUCTIONS COME WITH A PROMISE

TRUTH: THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST WAS BORN IN A
GATHERING OF BELIEVERS

ACTS 2:37-47

**AT THE END OF THE MESSAGE, THE BIBLE TELLS US THE
GOSPEL HAD CUT THE HEARERS TO THE HEART...**

**THIS IS THE BIRTH, THE FOUNDATION, THE START OF THE
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST!**

QUESTION: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF WHEN YOU HEAR THE WORD “CHURCH”?

THIS WORD BRINGS UP DIFFERENT THINGS FOR DIFFERENT PEOPLE

- MILESTONES OF ONE’S FAITH WALK
- CHARISHED MOMENTS WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS
- TIMES OF HOLIDAYS AND EVENTS
- STRUCTURES, TRADITIONS, AND TANGIBLE STRUCTURES
- HURT, PAIN, PRESSURE, ABUSE, DISSAPPOINTMENT

KEY: IF WE ARE TO HAVE A **REAL CONVERSATION** ABOUT CHURCH, THEN WE MUST BE WILLING TO SPEAK ON THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY, IN HOPES OF FINDING **GRACE, FORGIVENESS, REDEMPTION, COMMUNITY, ZEAL, GLORY, REVIVAL.**

EPHESIANS 1:21-23

WHEN THE CHURCH BECOMES ABOUT THE WORLDLY DESIRES OF THE PEOPLE: IT HAS **FAILED** TO SUBMIT TO THE HOLY SPIRIT, **REMOVING** ITS POWER AND **CONSTRAINING** ITS WITNESS.... AND INSTEAD **BECOMES** A RELIGIOUS INSTITUTION THAT OFTEN **CAUSES** HURT THROUGH ABUSIVE PRACTICES AND POOR LEADERSHIP....

ABUSE HAPPENS WHEN LEADERS GET OUT OF ORDER FROM THE BIBLICAL STANDARD & BALANCE...

THERE ARE LOTS OF ISSUES IN THE CHURCH.

WHAT IS THE BIBLE'S DEFINITION OF CHURCH???

CHURCH IS DEFINED AS ONE ENTITY, WITH MULTIPLE PURPOSES

CHURCH: “Ekklesia” (Greek: ἐκκλησία): “assembly” or “gathering.”

CLASSICAL GREEK: a summoned group of citizens convened for public considerations.

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITINGS: not just any gathering, but specifically the congregation of believers “called out” by God.

This duality of local congregations under the broader umbrella of the universal church illustrates the unified yet diverse nature of the “ekklesia.”-Biblehub.com

**CHURCH IS THEOLOGICALLY A GATHERING OF PEOPLE....
WHAT DOES THE GATHERING OF PEOPLE DO???**

ACTS 2:42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and **the fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe^[d] came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

FELLOWSHIP “koinonia” (κοινωνία) originates from the Greek language, carrying the core idea of shared participation, mutual association, and fellowship.

A practical call on followers to cultivate fellowship through:

1. **CARE** 1 Thessalonians 5:11
2. **SUPPORT:** Romans 12:13
3. **ACCOUNTABILITY:** Galatians 6:1-2

FOR: THE GOSPEL MISSION

⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And **the Lord added to their number day by day** those who **were being saved**.

THE FOUNDATION:

MATT 16:13-19

PETER'S CONFESSION THAT JESUS IS THE CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION... THE ROCK THAT THE CHURCH IS BUILT UPON...

JESUS CHRIST IS THE CORNERSTONE, THE FOUNDATION, THE MOST IMPORTANT PART... BUT HE HAS CHOSEN TO USE PEOPLE, IN *FELLOWSHIP* TOGETHER, TO BUILD HIS CHURCH...

1 PETER 2:1-12

WHAT ABOUT THE EDGE CHURCH?

OUR MISSION (WHY WE EXIST):

WE ARE KINGDOM FOCUSED: We hope to inspire people to experience Christ and help them grow, building the kingdom today. (Matthew 6:31-34)

OUR VISION (WHO WE HOPE TO BE):

THE EDGE CHURCH SEEKS TO BE: A Bible-based **community** that is Kingdom-focused, Spirit-empowered, Authentic in worship,

WE ARE NOT CALLED TO “DO” CHURCH, OR “GO” TO CHURCH, BUT TO “BE THE CHURCH”

WE ARE CALLED TO BE

-FLIPPED UPSIDE DOWN (opposite of the surrounding culture)

-SET ON FIRE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT (Spiritually empowered and led)

-WILLING TO EMBRACE KINGDOM LIFE (Looking to Jesus Christ, trusting His grace & truth)

EPHESIANS 2:12-22

EPHESIANS 5:8-20

WE NEED REVIVAL... BECAUSE REVIVAL PROVIDES SUPERNATURAL CPR!

DO YOU WANT A BETTER LOCAL CHURCH??? BE A BETTER LOCAL CHURCH BY SEEKING PERSONAL REVIVAL.

THE LOCAL CHURCH SHOULD BE:

-a place of faith talk, not stinking thinking

-a place of belonging and hope, not divisive religious fluff

-a place to grow, not stay sidelined

We're simply going back to the source to receive a fresh breath of air!