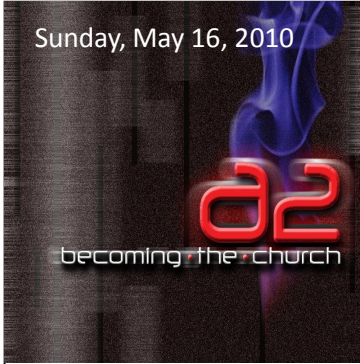


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Building a City- Reaching Impacting Church

Introduction: The A2 church was built upon principles that can be practiced today in the 21st century. This first church models for us the absolute necessity for developing a strong

community of people who are committed to one another, love one another, and share their lives with one another.

I. THE Key to Reaching and Keeping the Harvest is Koinonia

Acts 2:42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

A. BIBLICAL FELLOWSHIP – Koinonia

- 1. It means a SHARING IN COMMON.
- 2. Fellowship is a biblical term for the IDEAL RELATIONSHIPS among believers.

B. Koinonia facts and insights

- 1. Koinonia INCLUDES all believers. Close relationships aren't automatic but are a direct result of time, energy, cultivation and involved risk.
- 2. Koinonia is the GLUE that binds, holding believers together so that every joint can supply and every member ministers.

6. A2 community spirit grows when the church functions as a **FAMILY**. (We are members of a spiritual family and relate to God as our father and church members as brothers and sisters.)
7. A2 community spirit grows when the church functions as a body that **WORKS TOGETHER**, every member sharing and supporting (working to recognize unity and receive one another).
8. A2 community spirit grows when there is a **COMMON PURPOSE** and a **COMMON CREED**, a shared understanding of the beliefs, practices and principles that build community.

Rising from the debris of our lost value is the new value on the individual. The “me” generation has given way to a “me” world. The question is how will the church, the ultimate “we” organization, adjust? (Lyle Schaller)

C. The A2 Community Goal

Acts 2:42.46 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.... So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart.

1. To **LOVE** God with all our hearts
2. To **LIVE** as one with our fellow believers
3. To **GROW** under His teaching
4. To **EXPERIENCE** His presence
5. To **CALL** all people to Christ.

IV. KOINONIA – A PERSONAL DECISION TO BECOME A FULLY DEVOTED FOLLOWER OF CHRIST

A. Personal Decision to Move from Independence to Dependence to Interdependence

1. Interdependence means that I leave my isolation attitude and lifestyle behind. Living life alone is not good or right. It isn’t what a fully devoted follower of Christ does.
2. Interdependence means that I intentionally reach out and make some close relationships. I overcome the fear of close friendships and the fear of rejection.
3. Interdependence means that I leave selfishness behind. Disconnected people tend to be more selfish with their focus on my life, my schedule, my needs, and my privacy.

B. Personal Decisions to Do Whatever is Necessary to Become Part of a Small Group and Begin to Develop Koinonia

1. Why? – Small Koinonia groups will allow for in-depth relationships, life changes, godly care and support, a place to belong, be loved, and give love, serve, accountability, inviting people into your life.
2. Why? – Sustained spiritual growth is incomplete attending church services only. You need Koinonia group experience in small groups.
3. Why? – Small groups decentralizes pastoral care and allows us to spread out the leadership and care responsibilities to the places where it happens best, with