

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

Date: 27 Jun 2025

Text: Acts 2:42-47

Message: James Risner

Questions: John Brewer

This week, James Risner, chair of the Greater Dayton Association of Baptists, visited us to share God's word. James taught from Acts 2:42-47 which is a snapshot of God working in and through the early Church. James focused on two main points from the passage.

1. The church Jesus builds devotes herself to God's ordinary means of grace (v. 42)
2. The church Jesus builds delights herself in God's extraordinary work (vv. 43-47)

## Discussion Questions:

1. What do we think of when we hear a church is being "built?" How does Jesus build his church?
2. James introduced the idea of "ordinary means of grace." What are they and what makes them "ordinary?" (Reference Acts 2:42).
3. Why is preaching and studying the Bible such a big priority?
4. What do we need from the Church, and how does that contrast with what people often want? Reference 2 Timothy 4:1-5.
5. Why is Jesus' act of building community through the church miraculous? How does this point to future promises from God? What bound the early church together? What binds us together?
6. What causes a church like ours to grow (reference v 47)?

Reflection: James mentioned the 59 "one another" statements in the New Testament. They are included here for reference (courtesy FBC Medford, WI). In what ways are you "one another-ing" well? In what ways can you "one another" better to the glory of God?

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

1. "... Be at peace with one another." (**Mark 9:50**)
2. "... Wash one another's feet." (**John 13:14**)
3. "... Love one another." (**John 13:34**)
4. "... Love one another." (**John 13:34**)
5. "... Love one another." (**John 13:35**)
6. "... Love one another." (**John 15:12**)
7. "... Love one another." (**John 15:17**)
8. "Love one another with brotherly affection." (**Romans 12:10**)
9. "Outdo one another in showing honor." (**Romans 12:10**)
10. "Live in harmony with one another." (**Romans 12:16**)
11. "... Love each other." (**Romans 13:8**)
12. "...Let us not pass judgement on one another." (**Romans 14:13**)
13. "...Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you." (**Romans 15:7**)
14. "...Instruct one another." (**Romans 15:14**)
15. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (**Romans 16:16**)
16. "...When you come together to eat, wait for one another." (**1 Corinthians 11:33**)
17. "...Have the same concern for one another." (**1 Corinthians 12:25**)
18. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (**1 Corinthians 16:20**)
19. "Greet one another with a holy kiss." (**2 Corinthians 13:12**)
20. "...Through love serve one another." (**Galatians 5:13**)
21. "But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another." (**Galatians 5:15**)
22. "Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another." (**Galatians 5:26**)
23. "Bear one another's burdens." (**Galatians 6:2**)
24. "...With patience, bearing with one another in love." (**Ephesians 4:2**)
25. "Be kind to one another." (**Ephesians 4:32**)
26. "...Forgiving one another." (**Ephesians 4:32**)
27. "...Addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs." (**Ephesians 5:19**)
28. "...Submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ." (**Ephesians 5:21**)

# COMMUNITY GROUPS

living out the gospel with  
one another in our homes

29. "...In humility count others more significant than yourselves." (**Philippians 2:3**)
30. "Do not lie to one another." (**Colossians 3:9**)
31. "Bearing with one another." (**Colossians 3:13**)
32. "...If one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other." (**Colossians 3:13**)
33. "...Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom." (**Colossians 3:16**)
34. "...Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom." (**Colossians 3:16**)
35. "...Abound in love for one another." (**1 Thessalonians 3:12**)
36. "...Love one another." (**1 Thessalonians 4:9**)
37. "...Encourage one another." (**1 Thessalonians 4:18**)
38. "...Encourage one another." (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**)
39. "...Build one another up." (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**)
40. "...Exhort one another every day." (**Hebrews 3:13**)
41. "...Stir up one another to love and good works." (**Hebrews 10:24**)
42. "...Encouraging one another." (**Hebrews 10:25**)
43. "Do not speak evil against one another." (**James 4:11**)
44. "Do not grumble against one another." (**James 5:9**)
45. "...Confess your sins to one another." (**James 5:16**)
46. "...Pray for one another." (**James 5:16**)
47. "...Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love [for one another]." (**1 Peter 3:8**)
48. "...Have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love [for one another]." (**1 Peter 3:8**)
49. "...Love one another earnestly." (**1 Peter 4:8**)
50. "Show hospitality to one another without grumbling." (**1 Peter 4:9**)
51. "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another." (**1 Peter 4:10**)
52. "Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another." (**1 Peter 5:5**)
53. "Greet one another with the kiss of love." (**1 Peter 5:14**)
54. "...Love one another." (**1 John 3:11**)
55. "...Love one another." (**1 John 3:23**)
56. "...Love one another." (**1 John 4:7**)
57. "...Love one another." (**1 John 4:11**)
58. "...Love one another." (**1 John 4:12**)
59. "...Love one another." (**2 John 5**)