

Moving Forward 1: In Community

May 2–3, 2020

¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

— **Matthew 18:18–20**

 Be a part of the promise: Gather with Him

I. Meeting Together — *A commitment*

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NIV) ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another —and all the more as you see the Day approaching.


 We need each other - Never forget that!

Acts 2:42 (NIV) ⁴² “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.”

 Devoted “full attention” to Jesus’ Teaching and to Prayer

II. Love and Good Deeds — *A calling*

James 1:27 (NIV) ²⁷ “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.”

 Community helps us see through God’s eyes

III. Learning a New Way to Live — *A culture*

Romans 12:10 (NIV) ¹⁰ “Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

 Shift your focus to God’s heart

1 Corinthians 16:14–16 (NIV) ¹⁴ Do everything in love.

¹⁵ You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord’s people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, ¹⁶ to submit to such people and **to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it.**

IV. A Biblical Pattern

Luke 24:30 (NIV) ³⁰ When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them.

 Following Jesus = Receiving

Acts 1:14 (NIV) ¹⁴ They **all joined together constantly in prayer**, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

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Acts 20:7, 11, 20 (NIV) ⁷ On the first day of the week we came together to break bread... He intended to leave the next day, he talked to them and kept on speaking until midnight.

¹¹ Then he went upstairs again and broke bread and ate. After talking until daylight, he left.

²⁰ You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house..

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This Week’s Bible Readings (Use the TCND App if you want to listen):

Sat Rest Sun Mk 11:12-26; 1 Kings 3-5 Mon Mk 11:27-33; 1 Kings 6-7

Tue Mark 12:1-12; 1 Kings 8-9 Wed Mark 12:13-27; 1 Kings 10-11

Thur Mk 12:28-34; 1 Kings 12-14 Fri Mk 12:35-44; 1 Kings 15-17 Sat Rest