

We Are Horizon  
Part 3: The Problem with Church  
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“...on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.” -Jesus in Matthew 16:18

What will Horizon look like in 2053?

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Acts 2:42-47

Two things were true during the first 300 years:

1. Against the law to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. No \_\_\_\_\_ .

*The church is not the location or building,  
the church is the people!*

How the Early Church Grew

\_\_\_\_\_ believers in Acts 1:15

\_\_\_\_\_ were added in Acts 2:41

At least \_\_\_\_\_ each year Acts 2:47

\_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 4:4

A \_\_\_\_\_ added in Acts 5:14

“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching...” Acts 5:28

The number of believers rapidly \_\_\_\_\_ in Acts 6:1

In Acts 20:21 there were now \_\_\_\_\_.

Day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house, they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah. Act 5:42

Two kinds of meetings: \_\_\_\_\_ worship and \_\_\_\_\_ fellowship.

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. Hebrews 10:24-25

The church, through close relationships helps us meet our 5 deepest needs as people:

1. A \_\_\_\_\_ to live for.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ to live with.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ to live by.
4. A \_\_\_\_\_ to live out.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ to live on.

27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. I Corinthians 12:27

As we mature in the “Body of Christ” we move away from being a \_\_\_\_\_ to being a \_\_\_\_\_.

6 reasons for small group fellowship:

1. Small groups are \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Small groups are \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Small groups are \_\_\_\_\_.
4. Small groups help you \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Small groups are \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Small groups are \_\_\_\_\_.