

Shattered

what God is doing to the Church

This Week's Message:

What is the Church?

Passage: Acts 2:41-47

Introduction to Series:

We have many perspectives of what it means to be a church. Some think it's nothing more than a building or a service to attend. Often church is just a group of people in agreement with a certain pastor or creed. We go to a church because we like their style of worship or they have a great kid's program. Too often, we stray quite far from what God has ordained His Church to be - **individuals in godly community**. Lovingly, God has allowed this Covid-19 season to expose our church. He is asking us if we truly desire to be Nebo Crossing. Do we really want to be a safe place for those who are broken? Does the love we sing about on Sunday ever reach our workplace on Monday? Do our homes really look any different than those with no connection to Jesus? What is the fruit by which we are known? Does what matters to God actually matter to us? As we begin this journey, we invite you to ask the question: "What God is doing to the church?" Where is He calling us to reorient our perspective to His? We hope you'll join us. Join us in repentance of our failure to be the Church of Christ. Join us in allowing Jesus to heal the deep brokenness within our souls. Join us in invading our communities with the love they have been searching for. But we aren't going to lie to you. This flight won't be without turbulence to our human perspectives. In order for Christ's light to shine, then our stained glass version of Church must be shattered.

Questions to Think On & Discuss:

(1) Consider your church history, what perspectives have slipped into how you view church? Do these align with God's definition?

(2) How does the reality that God might be the One orchestrating the breakings in our lives change what we do with them?

(3) If the only person someone knew from Nebo Crossing were you, what would they determine was the most important thing about our church? Remember by our fruits we will be known.

This Week's Challenge

Go read Acts 2:42-27. Write out 5 things from this passage that seemed to be incredibly important to the first church. Now for the hard question. Are those things evident in your life? Make some notes on what you might need to change.

