



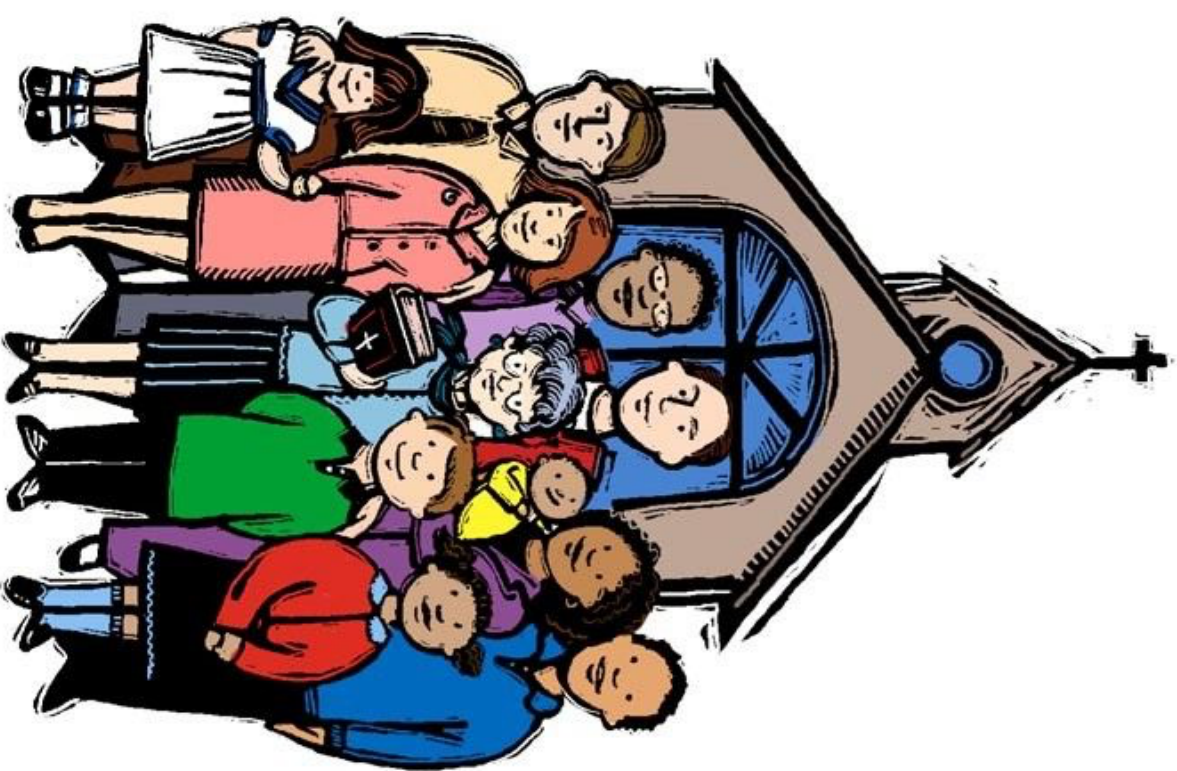
Centerpoint Church 

Living in the Power of the Spirit

Part 13

A Three Part Mini Series
“Ready, Set, Grow!”
Acts 2:41-47

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer . . . And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.



Two Essential Structures

Celebration - Large group

“Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex”

Cell - small home group

“... and broke bread from house to house.”

= **Growth Groups!**



Five Essential Purposes

#1



Growing in Love!

“All the believers devoted themselves to . . . fellowship, . . . and to prayers”

Devoted: proskartereo - To be earnest toward, to persevere, constantly diligent, attend continually



Five Essential Purposes

#2



Gift Driven!

“... all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had.”

“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.” I Pet. 4:10

Five Essential Purposes

#3 → Giving glory!

“They worshiped together at the Temple each day, . . . all the while praising God”

Praising - aineo: “To praise, extol, to sing praises in honor of God”

Worship: a life-style of daily submission, gratitude to God, and praise!

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Five Essential Purposes

#4 → Gospel Centered!

“And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

“But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.” Acts 20:25

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Five Essential Purposes

#5 → Gaining in Growth!

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching . . .”

“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.” II Tim 3:16

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Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:19-21