

WE ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

"Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ." Philippians 1:27a (NLT)

"In Christ, we who are many, form one Body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5 (NIV)

"...let us do good to all people, especially those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

I. THE GROWTH OF THE 1st CHURCH (JERUSALEM)

- Acts 1:15 "120 believers"
- Acts 2:41 "3000 were added to the church that day"
- Acts 2:47 "the Lord added daily those being saved"
- Acts 4:4 "the number of men grew to 5,000"
- Acts 5:14 "more & more believed & a multitude was added"
- Acts 5:28 "you've filled Jerusalem with your teachings"
- Acts 6:1 "the number of disciples rapidly multiplied"
- Acts 6:7 "the number of believers increased rapidly"
- Acts 21:20 "tens of thousands have become believers"

II. WHERE DID THEY MEET?

"(They met) day after day, in the TEMPLE COURTS AND from HOUSE TO HOUSE..." Acts 5:42

- LARGE GROUP _____.
"They met together at the Temple Courts." Acts 2:46 (NLT)

- SMALL GROUP _____.
"Greet the church that meets in their home." Romans 16:5 (NLT)

ADVANTAGES: Homes are...

- _____.
- _____.
- _____.

7 MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP: ACTS 2:42-47

1. WE _____ TOGETHER

“They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching...”

2. WE ENJOY _____ TOGETHER

“They devoted themselves... to the fellowship”

“They ate together with glad and sincere hearts”

3. WE SHARE _____ TOGETHER

“They devoted themselves...to the breaking of bread”

4. WE _____ EACH OTHER

“They devoted themselves...to prayer”

5. WE _____ EACH OTHER

“They gave to anyone as he had a need...”

6. WE _____ TOGETHER

“They praised God and enjoyed the favor of all the people”

7. WE _____ TO JOIN US

“Everyday, the number in their group continued to grow as the Lord added those who were being saved.”

We Are Better Together – Building a Kingdom Community

What On Earth Are We Here For?