

# THE CHALLENGE

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## **GATHER** – *Worship together on Sundays.*

Gathering on Sundays provides a personal time when we can cultivate intimacy with God.

“The seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.”

—(Exodus 20:10) (CSB)

## **Intimacy = (INTO - ME - SEE)**

Gathering on Sundays provides a corporate time when we can encourage others in the Lord.

“We should keep on encouraging each other to be thoughtful and to do helpful things. Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, but we must not do that. We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord’s coming is getting closer.”

—(Hebrews 10:24-25) (CEV)

## **CONNECT** – *Join a community group. Serve on a team.*

“Because of the privilege and authority God has given me, I give each of you this warning: Don’t think you are better than you really are. Be honest in your evaluation of yourselves, measuring yourselves by the faith God has given us. Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, so it is with Christ’s body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.”

—(Romans 12:3-5) (NLT)

“Every day in the temple, and in various homes, they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Messiah.”

—(Acts 5:42) (CSB)

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In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly. Don't just pretend to love others. Really love them.

—(Romans 12:6-9) (NLT)

Every believer has been blessed with gifts, talents, and abilities to contribute to the betterment of the church.

**INVITE** — Reach out with the love of Jesus.

A genuine encounter with Christ will produce in us a burning desire to tell others about Him.

**GIVE** — Be generous with your time and resources.

"The point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of compulsion, since God loves a cheerful giver."

—(2 Corinthians 9:6-7) (CSB)

"The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord."

—(Psalm 24:1) (CSB)

## THE 90 DAY GIVING CHALLENGE

"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. TEST ME IN THIS," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

—(Malachi 3:10) (NIV)