

Community & the Early Church



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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty)

—Acts 1:15

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

—Acts 2:41

praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

—Acts 2:47

But many who heard the message believed; so the number of men who believed grew to about five thousand.

—Acts 4:4

Nevertheless, more and more men and women believed in the Lord and were added to their number.

—Acts 5:14

“We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name,” he said. “Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man’s blood.”

—Acts 5:28

In those days when the number of disciples was increasing...

—Acts 6:1

So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.

—Acts 6:7

When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: “You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.

—Acts 21:20

1.) God Used Community to Launch the Early Church

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,

—Acts 2:46

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.

—Acts 5:42

2.) God is Using Community to Grow the Church Today

a.) Community Grows Our Faith

b.) Community Grows Our Hearts & Our Hands

c.) Community Grows Our Impact

CONNECT exist to create irresistible environments where everyone is encouraged to take their next step toward life change.