



20 Years of Watching God Do Something Awesome

Discussion Guide

The big “C” Church is God’s idea. Jesus established the Church and calls it His Body and Bride. When we belong to the local church, we are part of something eternal, something bigger and more valuable than anything we can personally accomplish. This week’s celebration is based on Acts, chapter 2. Let’s break down the aspects of the New Testament Church and how we can emulate it today.

Jump Start

1. We all have grown up in different areas, with lives full of different experiences. What is the most amazing thing you have ever seen?
2. *We are devoted.* Read [Acts 2:42](#), [Hebrews 3:13](#) and [Hebrews 10:24](#). Do you consider yourself “devoted”? To what or to whom? Do you feel you are passionate about absorbing and following the teachings of Jesus? What about commitment to attend and participate in the fellowship that happens during the weekly service? Are you devoted to the believers you worship with? If not, what’s your next step?
3. *God uses devoted people.* Read [Acts 2:43](#), [1 Peter 4:10](#) and [John 14:11-14](#). The disciples were average people such as fishermen, tradesmen and tax collectors. Yet God used them to spread the Good News. He performed signs and wonders through them. What do you think of your qualifications for His service? What “greater things” might Jesus do through present day believers? What might He do through you?
4. *We are generous.* The apostles poured out themselves for the Gospel. Many of them actually gave their lives as martyrs. Read [Acts 2:44-45](#) and [Acts 4:33-34](#) to see how the early Church reacted to needs within their body. Read [2 Timothy 4:6](#) for the personal generosity of Paul in his passion for the cause of Christ. How does this inspire and encourage you? How does it convict you?
5. Final Thought: Read [Ephesians 4:16](#). Whether serving, teaching, giving, or some other unique gift, every part is needed. Are you doing your part, the special assignment God has given to you? If not, what is hindering you?

Deeper

The “beloved disciple” John shows us the potential for the church to live out and embody the love of God in the letter of 1 John.

6. **Read [1 John 1:3](#)**. What is fellowship? Who can have fellowship?

7. **Read [John 12:46](#) and [1 John 1:5-9](#)**. What happens when we are in fellowship with other Jesus-followers?

8. We choose intentional relationships all the time. We look for someone to date; someone to mentor us; people to invite to join our team or come to a neighborhood event. We should be intentional about fellowship. Why? What do we gain through fellowship in the local church?
 - a. [1 John 4:10-12](#):
 - b. [Hebrews 3:13](#):
 - c. [Hebrews 10:24-25](#):
 - d. [Galatians 5:13-14](#):
 - e. [Ephesians 4:32](#):