



The Fellowship

“God does not need us to build His church. Church growth models have failed year after year as they prioritize numerical growth over spiritual growth. The early church devoted themselves to disciplines that led to their transformation and through that transformation, the Lord used them mightily to build His church. The Lord is still building His church if we would but devote ourselves to Him and His way of transforming this world. What might happen if we followed the Lord’s pathway to organic evangelism instead of our own?”

INTRODUCTION ACTIVITY:

When you hear the word “evangelism” what comes to mind? When you hear that we are called to share the Gospel with others, how does that make you feel? Excited? Nervous? Inadequate? Why?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 2:42-47

“42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

SCRIPTURE READING:

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Colossians 3:12-17

“12 Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, 13 bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. 15 And let the peace of Christ rule

in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

"1 And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. 2 For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 3 And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling,"4 and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Pastor CJ advocated for evangelism to be the organic outcropping of lives being transformed by Jesus Christ. If that is true, how should the church be seen by the surrounding culture? Does it see it that way? Why or why not? What wrong path has the church taken (if it has taken a wrong path)?
2. What are the greatest things we could do if we wanted to prioritize living as evangelists for Jesus and the Kingdom?
3. What do you notice about Paul's evangelism? How did Paul do it?
4. Take a few moments and share with one another what you've seen and heard, how the Lord has impacted your life. If you're brave, share how you will devote yourself to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers this next year.

CLOSING PRAYER ACTIVITY:

Invite someone to close the group in prayer.