

We are better together. We can do more and become more together than we can separately.

Life can be overwhelming. The Bible can be confusing. God created the church to help us grow in our faith.

Four things the Church provides as we grow:

- Biblical Foundation

Biblical teaching helps us know what is true and what is not.

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ.

Colossians 2:6-8 NIV

Biblical teaching encourages you to study the Bible on your own and helps show you how.

-Life-giving Relationships

Friendship, Accountability and Mentorship are available.

Spiritual families—moms, dads, grandparents, etc.

As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17 NIV

-Godly Counsel

How do you know you are making the right choice? Sometimes we need help.

People have been where you are. We can learn from the experiences of others.

A man will hear and increase in learning, and a man of understanding will acquire wise counsel.

Proverbs 1:5 NASB

Where there is no guidance the people fall, but in abundance of counselors there is victory.

Proverbs 11:14 NASB

-Supportive Environment

Where do we go when things get difficult?

The Church can be a support system through relationships.

There are many verses in the New Testament that talk about our relationships with one another. Here are a few examples:

Encourage one another. 2 Corinthians 13:11 NIV

Love one another. See John 13:34-35 NIV

Honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10 NIV

Serve one another humbly in love. Galatians 5:13 NIV

Spur one another on to love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24 NIV

We must be intentional about relationships. Get connected into community and watch God grow your faith.

Daily Readings:

As you study, ask God to help you understand what you read.

Day 1: Acts 2:42-47

What stands out to you from this passage?

What questions do you have about this passage?

Spend time thanking God for what He is teaching you. Ask Him to help you live out what you are learning.

Day 2: Ephesians 4:11-16

What stands out to you from this passage?

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Day 3: *Romans 12:9-18*

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Day 4: *Ecclesiastes 4:7-12*

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Day 5: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

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