PASTOR RICK'S Daily Hope

WE ARE MEMBERS OF GOD'S FAMILY

What It Means to Follow Jesus
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"In Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others." Romans 12:5 (NIV)

"Let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:10 (NIV)

1. THE GROWTH OF THE 1st CHURCH (JERUSALEM)

- Acts 1:15 (NLT) *"120 believers"*
- Acts 2:41 (NCV) *"Three thousand people were added to the number of believers that day."*
- Acts 2:47 (NIV) *"The Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."*
- Acts 4:4 (NIV) *"The number of men who believed grew to about five thousand."*
- Acts 5:14 (ESV) *"More than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women."*
- Acts 5:28 (NIV) *"You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching."*
- Acts 6:1 (NLT) *"The believers rapidly multiplied."*
- Acts 6:7 (NIV) *"The number of disciples . . . increased rapidly."*
- Acts 21:20 (CEV) *"Tens of thousands of our people have become followers!"*

2. WHERE DID THEY MEET?

(They met) "day after day, in the temple courts and from house to house." Acts 5:42 (NIV)

- **LARGE GROUP** _____
  "They continued to meet daily in the temple courts." Acts 2:46 (BSB)

- **SMALL GROUP** _____
  "Greet the church that meets in their home." Romans 16:5 (NLT)

ADVANTAGES: Homes are . . .

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7 MARKS OF A HEALTHY GROUP: ACTS 2:42-47

1. _____
"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching." Acts 2:42 (NIV)

2. _____
"They devoted themselves . . . to fellowship." Acts 2:42 (NIV)

"They . . . ate together with glad and sincere hearts." Acts 2:46 (NIV)

3. _____
"[They] devoted themselves . . . to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper)." Acts 2:42 (NLT)

4. _____
"[They] devoted themselves . . . to prayer." Acts 2:42 (NIV)

5. _____
"They shared with anyone who was in need." Acts 2:45 (BSB)

6. _____
"[They were] praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people." Acts 2:47 (NIV)

7. _____
"The Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved." Acts 2:47 (ESV)

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