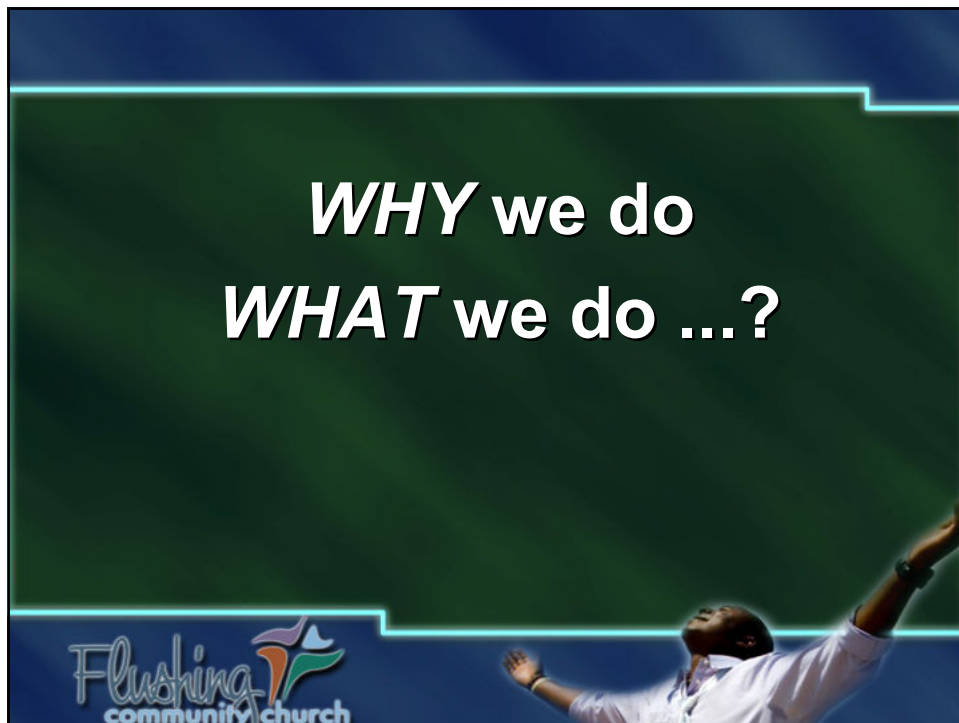


***WHY*** we do  
***WHAT*** we do ...?



**“They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their**

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**possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.**

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**And the Lord added to their number  
daily those who were being saved.**

*Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

### **They gathered in homes ...**

*“You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house.”*

*Acts 20:20 (NIV)*



## ***The First Century Church ...***

### **They gathered in homes ...**

*“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus. They risked their lives for me. Not only I but all the churches of the Gentiles are grateful to them. Greet also the church that meets at their house.”*

*Romans 16:3-5 (NIV)*



## ***The First Century Church ...***

### **They gathered frequently ...**

*“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 Christ.”*

*Acts 5:42 (NIV)*



## ***The First Century Church ...***

### **They gathered frequently ...**

*“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.”*

*Hebrews 3:13 (NIV)*





## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They were committed to the  
“one anothers” ...**

*“A new command I give you: Love one another.  
As I have loved you, so you must love one  
another. By this all men will know that you are  
my disciples, if you love one another.”*

*John 13:34-35 (NIV)*

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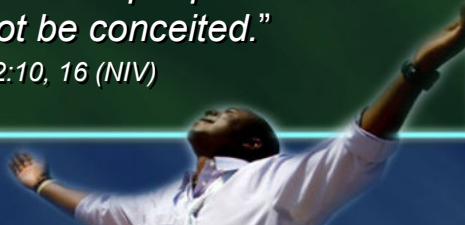
## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They were committed to the  
“one anothers” ...**

*“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.  
Honor one another above yourselves ... Live in  
harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but  
be willing to associate with people of low  
position. Do not be conceited.”*

*Romans 12:10, 16 (NIV)*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They were committed to the  
“one anothers” ...**

*“You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.”*

*Galatians 5:13 (NIV)*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They were committed to the  
“one anothers” ...**

*“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”*

*Ephesians 4.2 (NIV)*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They were committed to the  
“one anothers” ...**

*“Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ,  
God forgave you.”*

*Ephesians 4.32 (NIV)*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They were committed to the  
“one anothers” ...**

*“Therefore, encourage one another and build  
each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*

*1 Thessalonians 5.11 (NIV)*

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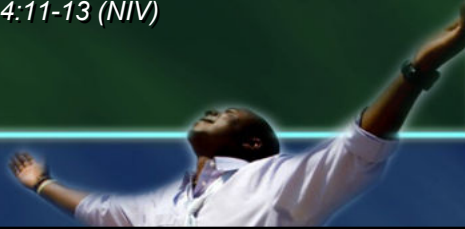
## ***The First Century Church ...***

### **They were very involved ...**

*“It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God’s people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up ...”*

*Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV)*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

### **They prayed passionately ...**

*“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was*

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## ***The First Century Church ...***

**They prayed passionately ...**

*shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”*

*Acts 4:29-31 (NIV)*

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**And the Lord added to their number  
daily those who wer`e being saved.**

*Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)*

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