We Are

Part 2 – Filling our God given Void. February 12, 2023

1. We are authentic in our relationships.

All the believers.... sharing in meals,.... prayer....[they] met together in one place and shared everything they had. They.... shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together... each day, met in homes... and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—

Acts 2:42-46 (New Living Translation 2)

Whoever isolates himself seeks his own desire; he breaks out against all sound judgment. Proverbs 18:1 (English Standard Version)

God put each and every part of the body together as he wanted it....

God's purpose was that the body should not be divided but rather that all of its parts should feel the same concern for each other. If one part of the body suffers, all the other parts share its suffering. If one part is praised, all the others share in its happiness.

1 Corinthians 12:18, 25-26 (Gods Word)

2. We are always improving!

Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18 (NLT2)

• We read <u>God's words</u>, found in the Bible.

For forty days and forty nights he fasted and became very hungry.

During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

Matthew 4:2-4 (NLT2)

You will keep in perfect peace all who trust in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you! Isaiah 26:3 (NLT2)

We <u>pray!</u>

With the crowd dispersed, he climbed the mountain so he could be by himself and pray. He stayed there alone, late into the night. Matthew 14:23 (The Message) Then Jesus went with them to a garden called Gethsemane and told his disciples, "Stay here while I go over there and pray." Taking along Peter, [James and John], he plunged into an agonizing sorrow.

Matthew 26:36-38 (MSG)

3. We are intentionally <u>pouring out</u> into the lives of others.

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others.

Matthew 20:28 (NLT2)

I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me.

Matthew 25:34 (NLT2)

4. We are <u>promoting</u> Jesus.

Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

Mark 16:15 (NLT2)

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Ephesians 2:10 (NLT2)

• Being available.

If you keep yourself pure, you will be a special utensil for honorable use. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work.

2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT2)

- Being <u>flexible</u>.
- Being bold!

5. We are pointing to God with our lives!

Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable.

This is truly the way to worship him.

Romans 12:1 (NLT2)

Final thought:

Which of these five steps needs to be my next step?