

## **Why the church gathers**

Acts 2:42-47 – Core value #3

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### **I. TEACHING – WE GATHER TO HEAR GOD’S WORD TOGETHER.**

- Jerusalem – The apostles taught daily (2:42, 43; 46).
- Timeless – God equips the church to teach one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16), and urge one another to love and serve (Hebrews 10:24-25).

### **II. FELLOWSHIP – WE GATHER TO HONOR CHRIST THROUGH RELATIONSHIPS.**

#### **A. Sharing financially with one another**

- Jerusalem – Sold possessions to share (2:5-10; 4:32-47).
- Timeless – Meet financial needs and support full-time teachers (1 Corinthians 16:2; Galatians 6:6, 10).

#### **B. Sharing food to build relationships (breaking bread)**

- Jerusalem – Ate together, remembered Christ (2:42, 46).
- Timeless – Eat together, remembering Christ (20:11; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34); show hospitality (1 Peter 4:9) greet each other (1 Peter 5:14), serve each other (Galatians 5:13).

#### **C. Sharing prayer and worship**

- Jerusalem – Prayed for gospel/praised (2:42, 47; 4:23-31).
- Timeless – Pray for the gospel (Colossians 4:2-4), pray for each other (James 5:16), worship together in song (Ephesians 5:19-20; Colossians 3:16).

**Core Value #3 – The Church – We place high value on meeting weekly to worship God, communicate God’s Word and build community.**