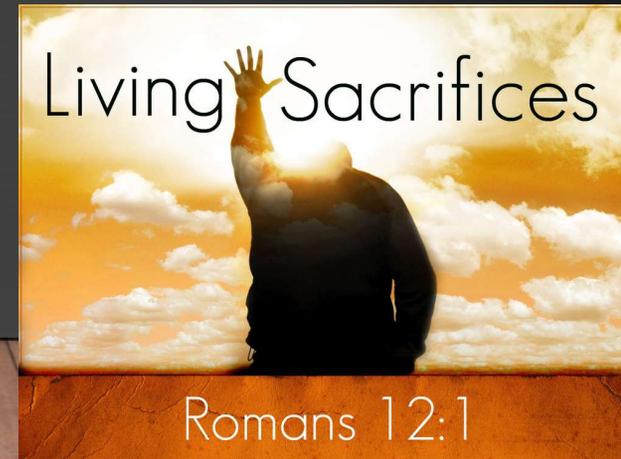


A FRESH LOOK

**NEW TESTAMENT
CONCEPTS OF
WORSHIP AND
ASSEMBLY**

WORSHIP IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

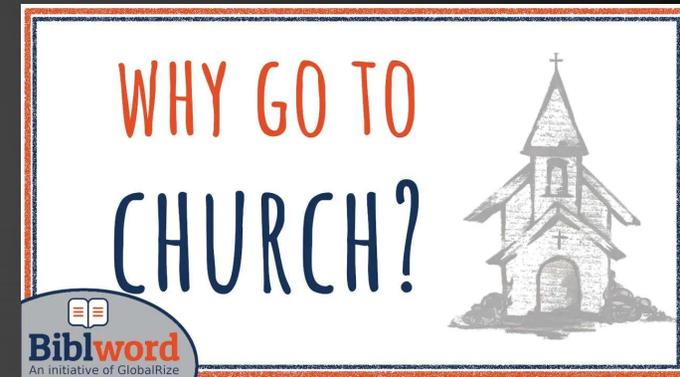
- Where is the temple in the New Testament? **We are the temple.**
- Why is the body (both us individually and the collective church) the temple? **The Holy Spirits dwells in us.**
- Who are the priests that offer the sacrifices? **We are the priests.**
- What are the sacrifices? **The way you live and good deeds.**
- When is the worship performed? **All the time.**
- What does it mean to worship in the Spirit and in Truth?
- **Jesus said the change was to be from: Physical Symbolism to Spiritual Reality**





WHY ASSEMBLE TOGETHER?

- Hebrews 10:24-25
 - Stir up one another to love and good works
 - Encourage one another
- 1 Corinthians 14:26
 - Building up one another (edification)
- 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - Encourage one another and build one another up



SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TO LOVE AND GOOD WORKS
HEBREWS 10:24-25

Spur one another on to love and good works.
We must spur one another on to love and good works.
Not forsaking the assembly,
But encouraging one another,
We will spur one another on to love and good works.

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- “The focus of the assembly, then, is not performance before God but formation in Christ.”
- “Paul, likewise, pictures the church as a body in which “each part does its work” so that the whole is built up in love (Ephesians 4:16, NIV). The assembly is the workshop where the Spirit forges unity, maturity, and faithfulness, not the stage for an hour of polished ritual.”

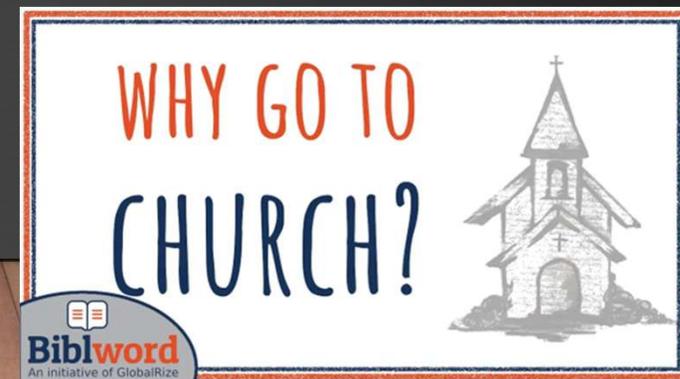
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- “This is the thread that runs through the New Testament: the assembly is not a ceremony to appease God but a communion to strengthen His people. Its end is not to flatter heaven with pious words but to equip earth with faithful disciples. It is the place where lives are knit together, where the Spirit stirs gifts for service, where believers rehearse the life of the kingdom so they may live it out in the world.”

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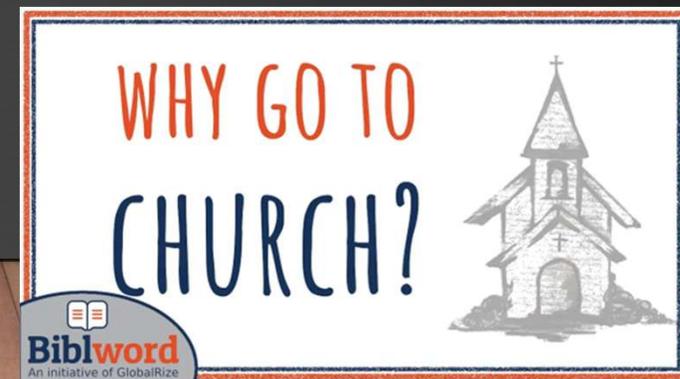
WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO GET RIGHT IN THE ASSEMBLY?



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- “Church leaders—elders, pastors, shepherds—must therefore reframe the question. The primary concern is not, ‘Is God pleased with our worship service?’ as though He were evaluating a performance. The question is ‘How are we feeding the flock of God, of whom the Holy Spirit has made us shepherds?’ Are we developing and nurturing men and women in the way of Christ?”

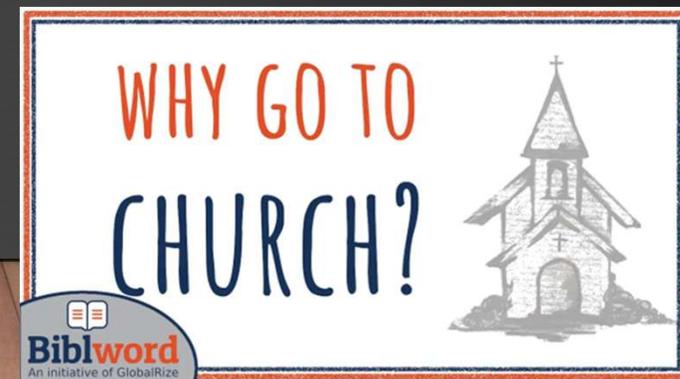
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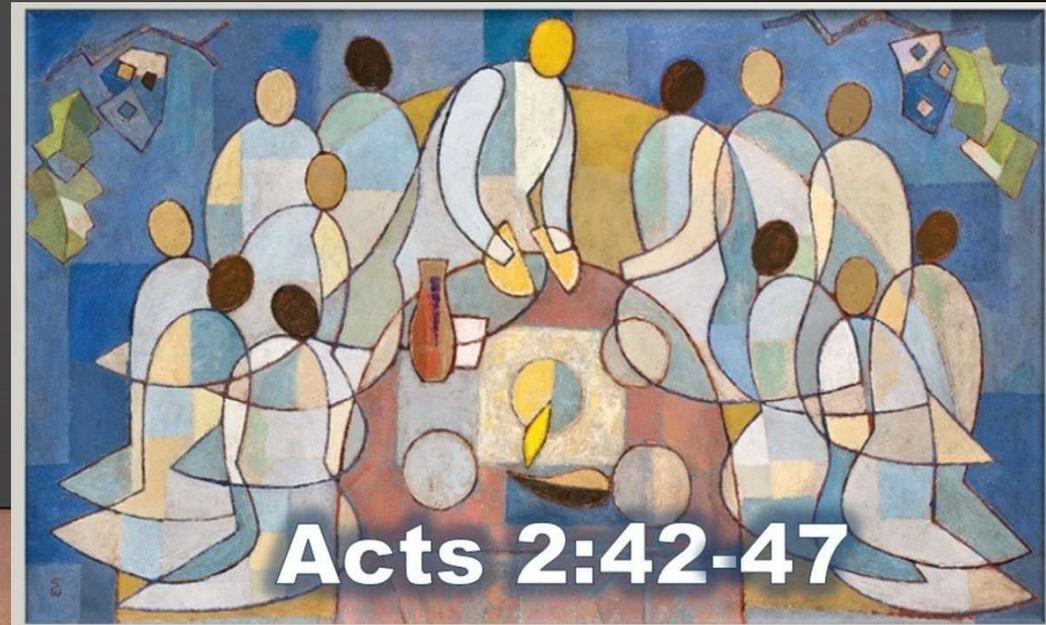
- Are we facilitating practices that form them into his likeness, so that their righteousness rests not in polished weekly worship services but in union with the crucified and risen Lord? Their charge is nothing less than to tend the people of God until Christ is formed in them.”

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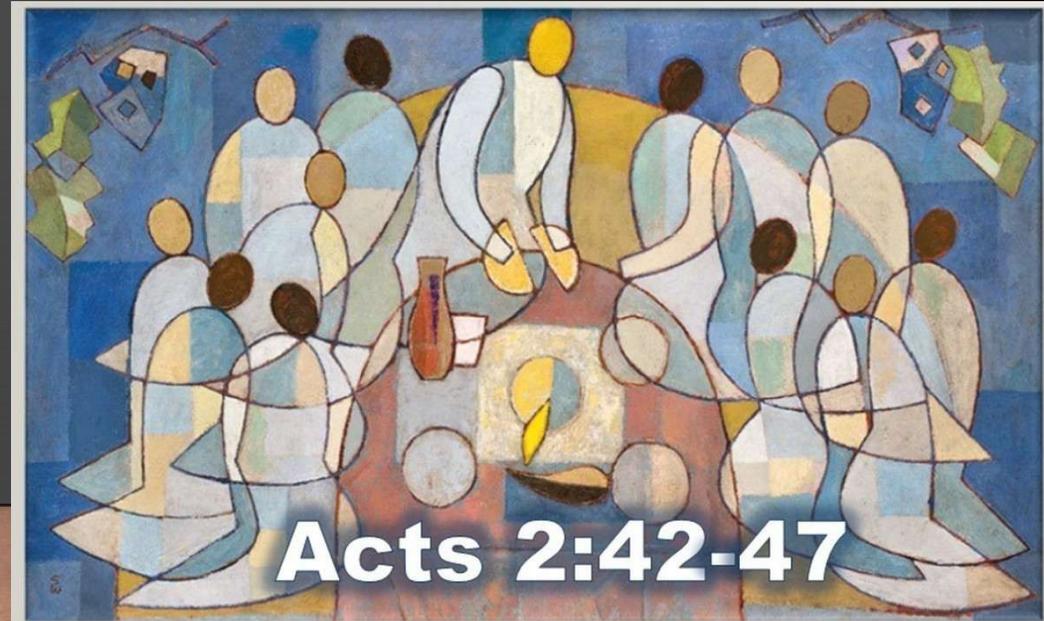
WHAT DID THE EARLY CHURCH DO WHEN THEY ASSEMBLED?

- Acts 2:42 - And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.



FELLOWSHIP

- What comes to mind when you think of Fellowship
- What kind of fellowship do we share?
- When? Is it limited to outside the assembly?
- Is Fellowship a key element of our assembly or is it a side benefit?



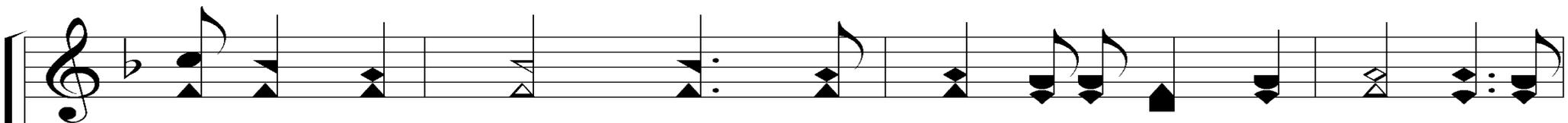
FELLOWSHIP

- *κοινωνία* – *koinonia* (from *koinos* “common”) = fellowship, communion, sharing in common, a participation, partaking, of common experiences and interests of the Christian life.



A com-mon love for each oth-er, A com-mon gift to the

Sav-ior, A com-mon bond hold-ing us to the Lord;



A com-mon strength when we're wear-y, A com-mon hope for to-



mor-row, A com-mon joy in the truth of God's Word.

