

Healthy Church
Church Without Walls – Part 1
Life Church St. Louis – April 19, 2020
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Psalm 1:3 (ESV) He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

1. Grow in community

Acts 2:44-45 (ESV) And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

1A. Learn God's Word together

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

1B. Build relationships

Acts 2:46-47 (ESV) And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

2. Pray together

Acts 4:24 (ESV) And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, "Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them,

2A. Ask for boldness and power

Acts 4:29-30 (ESV) And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

2B. Receive the Spirit's answer

Acts 4:31 (ESV) And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

3. Expect God to move

Acts 5:12 (ESV) Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico.

3A. Believe for salvations

Acts 5:14 (ESV) And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

3B. Believe for miracles

Acts 5:16 (ESV) The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily time of Bible reading & prayer (Read Acts 2-5).
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Invite a friend to watch the service online next week.

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. What lessons do you think God is trying to teach us in this season of church without walls?

Intro. How does the underground persecuted church in places like China and Iran function as church without walls ([YouTube – Sheep Among Wolves Vol 2](#))?

Intro. In what ways are believers like trees (Psalm 1:3)? How does this relate to church without walls?

Intro. How would you define a healthy church?

1A. What characteristics of a healthy church do you see in Acts 2:44-45?

1B. What does it mean to be devoted to the apostle's teaching (Acts 2:42)?

1C. How did the early church build relationships (Acts 2:46-47)?

1D. How can we continue to grow community in our current season of not physically meeting?

2A. Why did the early church gather together to pray, rather than just praying individually (Acts 4:24)?

2B. Why didn't the church pray for an end to the persecution crisis (Acts 4:29-30)? What did they pray for?

2C. How did God answer their prayers (Acts 4:31)?

2D. What do you think hinders people from praying together? How can we encourage people to pray together?

3A. What does the phrase "signs and wonders" tell you about the purpose of God's miracles (Acts 5:12)?

3B. Explain how the healthy early church grew in numbers (Acts 5:14).

3C. How must the Word have spread in the days of the early church (Acts 5:16)?

3D. How can we avoid the temptation to just take care of ourselves and not reach out in times of crisis?

3E. What are some ways that you could personally reach out in this time of crisis?