Mission – Part 1 July 18, 2021

Connected

I want to carry out the mission I received from the Lord Jesus the mission of testifying to the Good News of God's kindness. Acts 20:24

Acts 2:1-12

I need the Church because...

1. It is where the <u>promise</u> happens.

As they met and ate meals together, [Jesus] told them that they were on no account to leave Jerusalem but "must wait for what the Father promised: the promise you heard from me."

Acts 1:4

When the Feast of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Then, like a wildfire, the Holy Spirit spread through their ranks...

Acts 2:1, 3-4

Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you? 1 Corinthians 3:16

Where two or three have come together in my name, I am there among them. Matthew 18:20

2. It is where the <u>praise</u> happens.

And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common. They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met. They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, as they praised God.

Acts 2:44-47

3. It is where God's power happens.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you. Then you will be my witnesses to testify about me in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

Acts 1:8

...as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved. Acts 2:47

He came to Nazareth where he had been reared. As he always did on the Sabbath, he went to the meeting place. Luke 4:16

We should not stop gathering together with other believers, as some of you are doing. Instead, we must continue to encourage each other even more as we see the day of the Lord coming. Hebrews 10:25

"Crossroads exists to CONNECT people to God and each other."