

Reset: Reaching Out to One Another

Have you ever walked someone through the Old Testament? Do you know the joy of finally making it to the gospel accounts? Everything builds to the coming of Jesus. If you give the Old Testament its due time, it's a special moment. Introducing Jesus to someone is such a gift. I often remind myself, "I'm bringing others to Jesus before I am the body." In other words, it's not about the specific aspects of the church or how we worship that is at the top of the priority. They first need to see and understand who Jesus is before he adds them to His body.

Today, for those who understand this first priority, we have come to appreciate what immediately follows. See, to love the Lord is to love your brother. Let's rewind to Acts 2, see the natural progression of the first-century church, and draw encouragement and guidance.

Acts 2:36-41 - this was the beginning. We need to see Jesus as the crucified and resurrected Lord and Christ. Now, consider what followed.

Acts 2:42-47 - this is our focus today. I guess you could say this was the honeymoon phase of the church. What do you see?

- Devotion to the spiritual side of life - Colossians 3:1-4
- Sacrificial for one another - Acts 4:32-35 (What are we willing to sacrifice for the brethren?)
- They shared spiritual and physical bread with glad hearts daily - (John 6:1-14, 35)
- Their hearts, attitudes, and oneness had an impact on the people (John 17:20-23)

What about us?

- Devotion to the spiritual side of life?
- Sacrificial for one another?
- Sharing the spiritual and physical bread?
- Attitudes and oneness still seen by outsiders?
- Finally, Colossians 3:12-15 is critical for family.