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#10 What does the church do? March 28 2021

**Church is a *Connecting* and *Reaching* Community**

*The essence of the Christian life is…*

 *(Gen. 2:18)*

 *(Neh. 8:10)*

*“They all devoted themselves to…the* ***fellowship****…All the believers were* ***together****…And the Lord* ***added*** *to their number daily those who were being saved.”* (Acts 2:42,44,47)

The Ministry of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 🡪 “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church”

Obstacles—

“*We must make clear to our communities that*[*digital is a necessary compromise*](https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/church-online-coronavirus-age/)*for some and not a convenient option for all.”* (J. Kim, Analog Church, 2020)

**“Koinonia” is…**

 *(1Jn. 1:5-7; 2:9-11)—*

It means…

(Gal 3:26-28) “there is neither”

We are ONE NEW MAN— fellow citizens of God’s household (Eph. 2:13-22).

**Connectedness to grow and serve…**

Where the…

(Rom. 12:16; 15:7; Col. 3:16; 1 Thes. 5:11)

Personal and corporate health are dependent on vital body life…

**WHAT’S YOUR GROW AND SERVE PLAN?**

* Starts with
* Commit to
* Commit to
* Find a place

**CBC Discipleship Pathway—(diagram)**

The Ministry of **\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 🡪 “the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ church”

* God won’t
* People take notice of

**Seeker Sensitive or Sensitive Seekers?**

**Growth prospects in the West?**

In the absence of trading Christian \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for true \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus, not much is going to happen in the evangelism front. You simply can’t \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_people to what is not\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to you.

Are you **connected**? How?

Are you **serving**? Where?

Are you a **witness**? Among whom?